

GERMANY TO PROPOSE NEW PEACE

NO PROMISE
OF IMMUNITY
SAYS WALLA

Chief of Automobile Registration
Department Denies a
Trade.
SAYS HALL CASHED CHECKS
Tells of Method Used by the
Secretary of State in
Financing.

Eugene M. Walla on cross examination this afternoon denied that he had been promised immunity from prosecution by the state in exchange for his testimony against Thomas Hall, secretary of state. Mr. Walla made affidavit to the effect that there had been no bargain of any kind between him and the prosecution, and under a hot fire of questions from attorneys for the defense he stuck closely to the principal facts to which he testified on direct examination this morning.

Tom Hall, as a Nonpartisan candidate for secretary of state in the spring of 1916, financed his campaign from the automobile registration funds of North Dakota, and as secretary of state during the session of 1917 he financed from the same source a lobby which he conducted in behalf of an insurance bill which was to the interest of an insurance company for which the secretary of state is state agent, testified Eugene M. Walla, chief clerk in the automobile registration department of the secretary of state's office, jointly charged with his chief with the embezzlement of \$3,400, and who took the stand this morning as a witness for the state against his superior and co-defendant.

Much Currency.
Walla's testimony, in effect, was as follows:

Currency in amounts running as high as \$200 came into the automobile registration department daily. Both Hall and Walla took this currency out of the till for their own use. Walla gave Hall currency at various times, cashing the first check for Hall in January, 1915.

"He simply came in and asked me to give him a certain amount and told me to hold his check for it. He did this other times in 1915. He came in several times and asked me to cash a check for him, and I did so. He took up some of the checks. At the end of 1915, as I recollect there was from \$600 to \$700 in slips and checks in the cash drawer.

Sometimes he would come and get some money and tell me to make a slip for it and he would give me a check later. At the end of 1915 some of the checks had been held six, seven, eight and nine months. In 1916 he gave me more checks and got more currency and told me to hold the checks. He made out some of the slips and I made out some. In 1916 the slips and checks were kept in my vault, the checks and slips in a locked drawer. By the close of 1916 Hall had slips and checks in the cash drawer to the amount of about \$1,400.

"I recall the Marwick, Mitchell, Peet examination at the close of 1916. I had a conference with Hall on this examination. He wanted to know how near to date they were going to make their examination. Hall said he supposed he would have to take up his slips and checks, and I told him I thought there would be enough new business to cover. Marwick, Mitchell, Peet never counted the cash; just verified the books. I never saw the report, and was not called upon to make up any deficit. At the end of the year I charged the department with the 1916 business and deposited enough checks of 1917 to make the books balance—probably \$1,200 or \$1,400 worth.

Gave New Checks.
"At the end of 1916 I had carried none of Hall's checks over a year. He would give new checks for old ones from time to time. This practice of Hall's continued in 1917, and there were checks and slips of his in the till in June, 1917, to the amount of \$3,000. The amount had steadily grown from the time he gave me his first check in 1916 until the total was about \$3,000.

Financing Campaign.
"During 1916 Hall was a candidate for secretary of state and was under heavy expense. He sent out little pamphlets in large numbers and made a number of short speaking trips. He got money from the till quite frequently during this campaign giving checks and slips in exchange.

Repaid to Walla.
"Hall told me once during 1917 he would have to get busy and take up his checks."

Walla told about a deal with Frank Garrison of near Baldwin for the purchase of some calves in which he testified Hall obtained first \$150 and later \$38 from the automobile registration currency. Walla offered to assume responsibility for \$37 of the automobile funds, providing Hall accepted his offer to go fifty-fifty on the deal.

Lobbying Expense.
"During the legislative session of 1917, Mr. Hall got some money every day. He came to me at the beginning of the session and asked me how much currency I had. I told him it was pretty early in the season and there wasn't much currency coming in. He asked me if I had \$450. I didn't, so he gave me his check for

GEORGE HOPEFUL
ON WAR OUTLOOK
SUB LOSSES LESS

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the house of commons today, David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinking by submarines, he declared, was decreasing, while shipbuilding was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down by 20 per cent, he added, the losses have been only 6 per cent of imports, over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Mr. Lloyd-George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse.

The Germans, he said, have had only one success, which was due to surprise and this was now engaging inquiry. He stated the Germans had lost one hundred thousand prisoners, valuable positions and hundreds of guns.

M'GOVERN TO
SHOW CAUSE TO
HOLD LICENSE

Elevator Men Attacked by Chief
Deputy Inspector Come
Back.
ALLEGED HE IS NOT FAIR
Railway Commission Urged to
Call in Employee Im-

J. A. McGovern, chief deputy inspector of weights, grades and measures, under North Dakota's new grain grading act, is cited by three of the elevator men whom he recently attacked, to appear before the North Dakota railway commission to prove his wholesale charges of fraud against the elevator buyers of North Dakota or to show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Formal notice to this effect was served on the railway commission this morning by N. G. Nelson, manager of an independent elevator at Stanley. H. J. Arnold, another independent Stanley elevator manager and buyer, and R. A. Rasmussen, manager and buyer for a privately-owned elevator at Palermo.

These are three of the six buyers recently cited by McGovern to appear before the state railway commission to show cause why their licenses as deputy inspectors should not be revoked. McGovern filed against them charges of intentional misgrading, always to the advantage of the elevator and to the disadvantage of the grain-grower. A full hearing was given before the railway commission, which found McGovern's charges unsubstantiated, and declined to revoke the buyers' licenses.

The elevator buyers in coming back at McGovern assert that there is no statutory authority for the creation of his office, and that he is seeking to outwit and discipline and reprimand the elevator buyers of the state without any legal authority so to do. They set forth the "said" J. A. McGovern, pretending to act as a deputy inspector, has willfully and maliciously discriminated between licensed grain-buyers operating and conducting private warehouses in the state, and has, in furtherance of such willful and malicious discrimination caused to be filed with your honorable board against your petitioners and others where in he pretended and purposed to charge your petitioners and others with willful false grading of grain so purchased by them, and in pursuance of such willful and malicious discrimination, said J. A. McGovern caused to be published in the newspapers throughout the state the statement that your petitioners and others were in fact guilty of fraudulent practices in the buying of grain and were guilty of willful and deliberate false grading and false weighing in and about the purchase of said grain, and attempted in furtherance of such willful discrimination to cause the license of your petitioners to be canceled by your honorable board, although no well known that your said petitioners were not guilty of fraudulent practices and had not deliberately and willfully made false grades or false weights of grain purchased by them; and that he well knew that other warehouses and licensed buyers operating in the same region of the state were buying the same quality of grain produced in the same section upon the same basis as used by your petitioners.

The petitioners ask first that the license of Mr. McGovern, if any he has, to act as deputy inspector of grades, weights and measures be cancelled. Second, that he be required to appear before the railway commission at Minot or Stanley, or some other convenient point and show cause why his license should not be cancelled and to further show cause why he pretends and purports to act as chief deputy inspector of grades, weights and measures, and if the board finds there is authority for his so acting, and that such office exists, that its duties and powers be defined to the end that all persons interested may be fully instructed thereon. Third, that the petitioners be permitted to appear at such hearing and submit to the board such proofs and evidence as they may have in support of the matters and things set forth.

TWENTY MEN
LEFT AT NOON
FOR STEVENS

Third Contingent of Burleigh
County Draftees Now
On Way.
GUARDSMEN SEE THEM OFF
Large Congregation at Station
—Boys Cheerful and
Happy.

ARTHUR J. MORRIS
CARL VERNE ERICKSON
JOE SORCH
FERD H. O. FRIESE
EDMUND RUPP
JOE KRITZER
CHARLES ALLENSWORTH
D. E. MATTIS
JAMES MILLER JACOBSON
BENJ. CLEVELAND
OTTO CHRIS CHDE
OTTO HOGTE
WALTER CLOUTEN
FLOYD LEO PARRIS
GUS HILL
ALFRED A. QUALLE
HERMAN ENGSTROM
JAMES EVERT BAKER
LEON K. WALTERS
HAROLD HOFFMAN
JOE KEIFER

The twenty men above named, forming Burleigh county's third select service contingent, departed on No. 3 about 1 o'clock this afternoon for Camp Stevens, Ore., where they will undergo service with the coast guard artillery.

The Hughes Electric Co. whistle blew a long blast half an hour prior to the arrival of the belated train, and when it pulled in the station platform was thronged with people assembled to bid the boys good speed. Their departure was made notable by a meeting with a bunch of westerners in khaki, who piled off No. 4, which arrived several hours late, just before No. 3 pulled in, to greet their companions in arms to be. The boys from the west were having such a good time that any vestige of gloom which may have hovered over the Burleigh county select service men was immediately dispelled, and they joined in giving the Sammies a rousing send-off when No. 4 sped eastward, only a few minutes before No. 3 came in.

The Home Guard assembled at the armory in response to the president's signal and marched to the station, where each guardsman personally said good bye to the men who were going. And there were wives and sweethearts and sisters and young ladies just there out of the goodness of their heart to show the soldier boys that their community stands back of them and appreciates the sacrifices they are making.

Boys Are Envious.
The boys of this, the third Burleigh county contingent for the national army, are envied by their less fortunate fellows. The coast artillery is a most attractive branch of the service. It does not entail the hurried marching, the trench digging and other laborious duties attached to the infantry arm and to some degree to the cavalry and field artillery. Coast artillerymen are more likely to be permanent in their station; to have comfortable barracks, and an opportunity to adjust themselves to their environment before that environment is changed. If the boys who leave today are utilized entirely for coast defense, they may never leave American soil nor fire a gun. The probability is, however, that they will be the men to man Uncle Sam's huge guns which will hurl long-range destruction on the enemy "over there." Their stations will be well behind the battle-front; their guns will be screened and themselves protected from all but chance shots. Their branch of the service is generally one which is coveted. It may not be quite so exciting as the field artillery, but it's far more comfortable from practically every angle.

OCTOGENARIAN IS
HELD FOR MURDER

Montroco, Calif., Dec. 20.—Mrs. J. H. Bush, 72 year of age, today confessed to officers that she killed her son, John O. Bush, after he had killed her grandson earlier in the day Sunday and disposed of the body by boiling it in lye. The confession was made at the inquest into the death of the boy, Ira, 11 years old.

FIRST RIVET DRIVEN
IN NEW MERCHANTMAN

An Atlantic Port, December 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5,000 ton steel cargo ships for the U. S. Government, the first rivet in the first of these vessels was driven today at a large shipyard near here, which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month.

STATE OF SIEGE
IS PROCLAIMED
IN PETROGRAD

Looting of Wine Cellars in the
Capital Made Such Action
Necessary.
GEN. KALIDINES TAKES CITY
Italians Resisting Desperately
Attempt of Germans to Break
Through Their Lines.

(By Associated Press.)
A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolshevik government. Disorders in the capital, due, it is said, to the looting of wine cellars and shops, made necessary the proclamation of a state of siege.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolshevik government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximilian troops to cross its territory to cross General Kaledines and several days ago Bolshevik troops attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa and were defeated by Ukrainian troops.

The Bolshevik troops have accused the Rada of being friendly to the constitutional democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counter revolution.

General Kaledines Takes City.
Rostov-on-the-Don, recently reported captured by the Bolsheviks, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of General Kaledines, who, according to another recent rumor, had been arrested by his own officers. The Cossack leader, according to a dispatch reaching London, from Petrograd, has proposed to the Bolsheviks that civil strife come to an end by declaring the independence of the Don territory, and providing against Maximilian intervention there.

Between Monte Grappa and the Brenta, on the Italian northern front, the Italians are resisting desperately renewed Austro-German efforts to break through the hills to the plains.

The Italians after withstanding strong attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, were forced to retire to new positions when the invaders brought up reserves. On the southern end of the Piave line, the Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river.

Qrendurg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tscheljabinsk, a junction on the Trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the council of people's commissaries, the Bolshevik government.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshevik government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximilians early in November. The ultimatum referred to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviks that the Rada permitted troops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines operations.

In its official announcement, concerning the counter revolution and since that time the Bolshevik government has claimed that the Ukraine was aiding the Cossacks and the constitutional democrats.

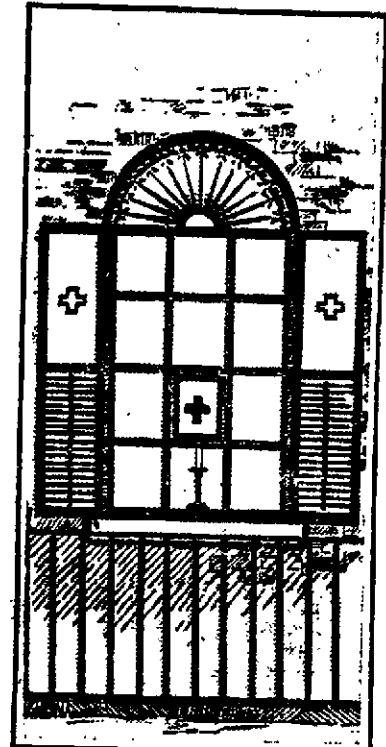
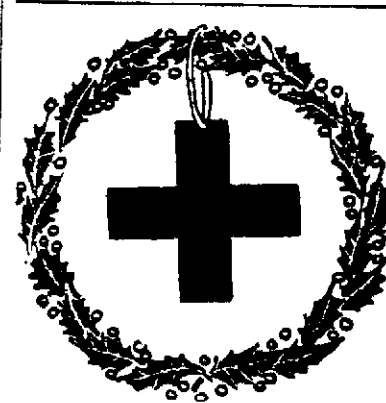
Washington, Dec. 20.—At the federal trade commission's investigation of the Chicago stock yards here today, F. R. Hart, one of the principal figures in the stockyards company, testified that it had been agreed to pay J. Ogden Armour all the company's earnings over 9 per cent to keep Armour from moving the yards away from Chicago and further west.

ARMOUR GOT
BONUS TO HELP
HOME CITY

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Rumors that the eastbound embargo on corn and oats was to be lifted, and that the maximum price of corn was to be removed, led to a sharp upturn in the corn and oats markets on the "board of trade" today. May corn advanced 6 1/2c to \$1.62 1/2. Oats rose 3c.

President Griffith of the board, issued a statement from which it appeared that the rumors or removal of the maximum price, \$1.28, grew out of a conference of grain men with the federal food administration recently at which the suggestion was considered. The statement said, however, that if the maximum was removed it would not affect existing contracts.

Grain shippers said they had not been formally notified of the termination of the railroad embargo.

3,000 MEMBERS NEW GOAL
SET IN WHIRLWIND DRIVE
FOR RED CROSS MEMBERS

MILLIONS OF WINDOWS ON CHRISTMAS EVE WILL DISPLAY THIS SYMBOL OF LOYALTY TO THE RED CROSS IDEA. EVERY MEMBER IS ASKED TO SHOW IT WITH A LIGHTED CANDLE SHINING THROUGH.

VETERAN RED
CROSS WORKER
HERE FRIDAY

Rev. J. T. Bergen Began His
Work in Spanish-American War.

Will Tell People Facts
Comes to Auditorium to Report
What Organization Is
Doing.

Loyalty to the country and the urgent necessity of sustaining the work of the American Red Cross, will be the topic of the address to be made by Rev. J. T. Bergen at the Auditorium on Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Bergen is thoroughly familiar with the subject at hand and well qualified to put the matter before his audience in the proper light. For the past several years he has been pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian church of Minneapolis. His duties in this connection have given him a broad viewpoint of relief work of all kinds.

At the beginning of the present war, Mr. Bergen began active work in behalf of the Red Cross organization, and his lectures at Redwood Falls, Granville and several other places have materially assisted the Red Cross chapters at these points.

Is Veteran in Service.
Mr. Bergen's connection with Red Cross relief work dates back to the Spanish-American war. At that time he was a volunteer in the American ranks, but was unable to go in the medical corps. However, there was a demand for orderlies and helpers in the Presbyterian hospital in New York and Mr. Bergen found a place there with the forces of the Red Cross workshop. This hospital was used for the dressings of the American soldiers, as they returned from Cuba. The work in this division presented an opportunity to Mr. Bergen to realize what it is the Red Cross is striving to accomplish, and gave him an insight into the gigantic undertaking of this organization and the necessity of every person doing their share.

It is to impress upon the people of this country the facts as he already knows them, that Rev. Bergen is devoting his services to the Red Cross. Rev. Bergen's address will deal with the patriotic devotion and duty of every citizen of the United States, the ever-increasing necessity of Red Cross relief work with the continuous enlistment of men, and the enormous amount that will have to be done with the oncoming offensive which is planned for the spring.

Home Guard Finds 2,000 Is Too
Easy Task for Their
Powers.
EVERYONE HAS A STICKER
Latest Mode in Christmas Decorations Has Wide
Appeal.

HOW THEY STAND TODAY.

Squad	Prev.	Today	Total
Lomas	93	110	203
Marks	173	33	206
Clinton	141	72	212
Lahr	119	60	179
Copelin	258	59	317
Larson	153	41	194
Whitney	359	77	436
McGrady	180	34	214
McGrud	122	10	132
Wash	87	1	87
Wanner	2	48	254

Total to date 2,425
Bismarck's Red Cross membership total in the Home Guard's charge on the Hindenburg line had reached 2,425 at noon today.

Before this drive was begun, all of Burleigh county had but 1,700 members. A majority of these were taken prior to July 1, and had expired December 1. Therefore, the Home Guard started with practically a clean slate.

Nothing in all the glorious record which Bismarck has achieved during this war has surpassed this drive which Bismarck executives predict, as the city having the largest per capita membership in the entire United States.

Traded Chickens.
Many little stories which show the patriotic pulse which is beating in Bismarck's veins are coming to light through the drive. John A. Graham, cashier of the City National bank, found in his district a widow whose home life indicated a severe struggle for existence.

"I haven't a penny in the house," said this brave little woman "and I don't know when I will have a dollar; but I have some fine chickens. Won't you let me trade you two of them for a Red Cross membership?"

Mr. Graham left the house with a Red Cross flag in his window, and he carried away with him two squawking chickens, conscripted to do their bit for world democracy.

Called at Headquarters.
The ladies at Red Cross headquarters in the federal building tell a similar tale of a country woman who came in yesterday, asking if they knew of a market for some chickens.

"Ready cash is sort of scarce," said the visitors "and I simply have to have a few dollars to buy some Red Cross memberships for the folks."

Did she find a market for her chicks?
Well, if she had had a hundred of the toughest old hens that ever cackled a cackle she could have disposed of every one of them without leaving the room.

Then there is a story of a German-born citizen whose sympathies before the war were clearly and vocally with the fatherland. Since war was declared he has been "right," but it was with some trepidation, nevertheless, that he was approached by Home Guardsman for a Red Cross membership.

"Will I take one? Certainly!" was his ready response. "I wouldn't feel I had done my duty if I did not take one for myself and for every member of my family. There's no room for a slacker in my house," and he went home with his flag and a full complement of stickers.

To Report Slackers.
If there are any slackers, their names will be turned in at the Bismarck Home Guard meeting tomorrow night. The guardsmen will not consider in this class anyone who has failed to buy a Red Cross membership for financial reasons. They will so list everyone who could afford to buy a membership and who has not. These names will be read before the company tomorrow evening and will be filed away for future reference.

Show Your Stickers.
"It is important that the business houses which have stickers paste them on their service flags," said Chairman Goddard today. "The moral effect of this display is tremendous, and it is not fair to the business houses themselves that they should be considered derelict when I am glad to say is not the case in a single instance."

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CAMP GRANT MEN
GET BRIEF LEAVE

Chicago, Dec. 20.—With the rescinding of the order allowing only a few men at Camp Grant leave of absence over Christmas, Chicago today prepared to welcome the boys who, for months, have been in training in the national army. Four days' leave is to be given to 50 per cent of the men at the cantonment. Similar leave of absence has been ordered for the sailors at the Great Lakes naval training station. The order, permitting the Christmas holiday came from Washington late last night.

CENTRAL POWERS
TO MAKE ALLIES
GENERAL OFFER

Russian Press Reports Declare
That Negotiations Are Now
Broadening in Scope.
TEUTONS AGREE TO TERMS
Bolsheviks Say That No Indemnities or Annexations Will
Be Asked.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers and that they had asked their allies to do likewise.

Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies.

The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the Central Powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-definition of nations was impracticable.

Powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace on terms but desired to know the result of Russia's efforts to induce the Allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would participate in the negotiations.

PRO-GERMAN MADE
TO SUBSCRIBE TO
RED CROSS AND Y.

Mankato, Minn., Dec. 20.—A statement that the United States might as well be under the Kaiser's government as under its own was among those charged to Frank J. Bush, a wholesale grocer of this city, arrested on complaint that he had made a number of seditious remarks. He told Judge Comstock he was sorry, and to prove it, at the Judge's suggestion, bought \$1,000 worth of Liberty bonds, subscribed \$100 to the Red Cross, and gave \$50 each to the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus fund. Then today, Judge Comstock fined him \$500.

ROMANOFF WOMAN
LANDS ON COAST

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 20.—A woman bearing the name of Romanoff, and who said she resembled Tatiana Romanoff, second daughter of the former Czar, so closely that she was detained three weeks in Yokohama until she established her identity, arrived here today from Russia.

She is Mme. Helene Romanoff. She was accompanied by her husband Hippolyte Romanoff, an inventor. They are enroute east.

STRANDED; TOES FROZEN
Bismarck Traveling Man Has
Painful Experience.

I. L. Bankston, 521 Fourth street, an International Harvester man, probably will lose part of one toe as a result of being marooned in a blizzard north of Mandan when the gasoline froze in the tank of the car in which he and companions were trying to make their way from Dunn Center to Mandan. When the gas solidified, it left the car stranded in a wide stretch of open prairie, three miles from the nearest habitation. After devoting some time to satisfying themselves that the car was done for, Mr. Bankston and his associates set out to walk to some place of refuge. When they finally reached Mandan, it was discovered that the International man had two badly frosted feet. He has been confined to his home here for several days, and it is now probable that part of one of his toes must be amputated.

New January Numbers of Columbia Records

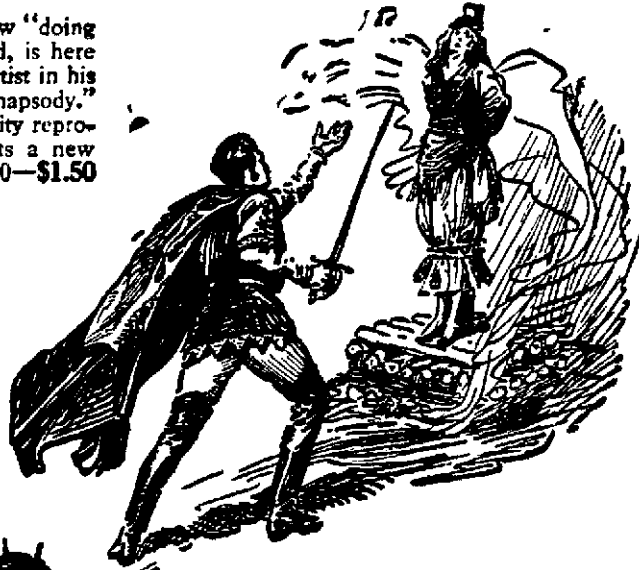


From Concert Hall to Battle Front
goes Percy Grainger.

The popular young Australian pianist, now "doing his bit" in a United States Army Band, is here introduced as an exclusively Columbia artist in his first record, Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody." An interpretation of charming individuality reproduced with an amazing fidelity that sets a new mark in pianistic recording. A6000—\$1.50

Sazaro—flaming
through
"Di Quella Pira!"

In this most dramatic song of Verdi's most dramatic opera, Sazaro gives us a thrilling example of the emotional possibilities of the human voice. A record that explains why opera audiences respond with such thunderous applause to Sazaro's singing of this solo. 47211—\$2.00



Barrientos' Loveliest
Love Song, "Caro Nome!"

For this record the celebrated Metropolitan Opera soprano has chosen "Caro Nome," from "Rigoletto," an aria that for over half a century has been continuously growing in popularity and adding to Verdi's fame as a master of melody. A beautiful song made more beautiful because a great artist has added simple sincerity of expression to a faultless technique. 48649—\$3.00

Margaret Woodrow Wilson
sings the People's Songs.

The daughter of our President has inherited his sympathetic understanding of the people. She has chosen to devote her genuine artistic talent to the simple songs everybody knows and loves. In a double record she gives this month most appealing renditions of "My Landie" and "My Old Kentucky Home." A2416—\$1.00

Sixty-five other numbers are included in this wonderful January list of Columbia records. Stracciari, Rothier, and Anna Gerhardt are also included among the artists. There are unusually fine selections of popular hits and dance music, as well as many specialties, including an absolutely unique record, "Life in a Trench in Belgium," a sensational word-picture of the great war.

Join the Red Cross today. 10 million new members by Christmas. All you need is a heart and a dollar.

New Columbia Records on Sale the 20th of Every Month

Columbia Graphophone Company, New York



BOTTOMS BUILT NOW STABILIZE SUB-SEA TOLLS

British Production of Ships Now
Equals Losses Sustained
in War Zone.

EXPERT STRIKES BALANCE
America and England Soon Will
Far Outstrip in Tonnage
Made Tonnage Torpedoed.

New York, Dec. 20.—Arthur Pollen the British naval expert, who sailed for Europe after spending six months in the United States gave to the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine, has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease, or soon will do so. Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British admiralty last spring and the participation of the American navy.

Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate, it appeared that last month Great Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost; the first ship laid down by the United States since the war has been launched, and, within the next twelve months, a substantial portion of the six million tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be afloat. Great Britain's shipbuilding program will similarly increase month by month and moreover, the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine will grow in value week by week, he said.

Germany's Attack Falls.
"The significance of this does not have to be pointed out," Mr. Pollen continued. "It means that Germany's attack on allied communications had failed and that there is no reason why ultimately the full military power of Great Britain, France and Italy and the United States should not be felt in the western theatre of war. This is tremendous result."

Speaking of the change in the chief command in the British admiralty, Mr. Pollen said:

"In bringing about this new order of things at Whitehall, the reformers were undoubtedly assisted, first, by the fact that an extremely effective, well equipped and brilliantly commanded contingent of American destroyers was already at work in a very important area of the theater of war, and next by the British government waking up to the truth that the belligerency of America meant not only the co-operation of a very gallant and enterprising ally, but the domestication, so to speak, of a new extremely intelligent critic."

Naval Consultation.

Mr. Pollen mentioned the consultations with the British admiralty of "three distinguished and resourceful American naval officers"—Admirals Sims, Mayo and Benson. "Through these men, American professional knowledge," he said, "has gained a first hand experience of the reality of war and has been able to contribute an impersonal and impartial judgment upon the character of the operations to be pursued and of the methods of command under which they should be carried out."

Adverting to the recent North Sea raid by German forces, Mr. Pollen said: "The only remarkable thing about such incidents is not their occasional occurrence, but their rarity. Were the British or the American navy in the position of the German navy I fancy they would be far more frequent."

FIGURES ON SHIPS.

Shipping Board Ready for Senate Inquisition.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A mass of data on the progress of ship building was assembled today by shipping board officials in preparation for the senate commerce commission's investigation of the ship building program to start probably Friday.

The committee will meet tomorrow to lay plans for the investigation. Senator Fletcher, its chairman, conferred today with Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who declared the board would welcome thorough inquiry and that it would be shown that the shipping program is not so entangled in difficulties as members of congress have declared it to be.

Mr. Hurley probably will be called Friday as the first witness.

Douglas Fairbanks at the Orpheum tonight in "The Lamb."

BISMARCK To-Night BISMARCK THEATRE THEATRE

Offers the Star of the Opera and the motion picture

Geraldine Farrar

Supported by an Immense All-Star Cast, Including

Wallace Reid

in the Gigantic Cinema Spectacle based on a page of the History of America

"THE WOMAN GOD FORGOT"

Seven Spectacular Thrilling Acts. No Advance in Prices

3,000 MEMBERS NEW GOAL SET IN CAMPAIGN

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Three thousand members for Bismarck is the new goal set by the capital city home guard for its whirlwind Red Cross Christmas membership drive.

Two thousand members was a goal altogether too light for the powers of the home guard. The energetic home guardsmen found it so far beneath their notice that they never from the first considered 2000 as a limit.

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Right now they're going after 300 members. Perhaps tomorrow 'twill be 4,000. In any event, it will be: Red Cross Christmas for Bismarck. The most popular thing in Christmas decorations in the capital city is the Red Cross centerpiece with its little family of smaller Red Cross stickers.

Tonight at 6 o'clock squads will call upon every Bismarck home which doesn't display a flag.

Success in Rural Districts.

Rev. George Buzzelle of St. George's Episcopal church returned last night from a tour of the rural districts of the county and reports splendid success. The only trouble so far encountered is the inability of workers to reach the farmers. Rev. Mr. Buzzelle estimates that every nine farmers out of ten will subscribe to the great movement if only they could be reached. The various organizations throughout the county are making a strenuous endeavor to reach every citizen and when the campaign closes it is expected that many will be reached.

At Balaclava fifty members were secured the first day and the same number was the result of Rev. Buzzelle's work in Wing. At Arena twenty members were secured. Rev. Buzzelle will leave Friday for another drive in the rural districts.

At St. Alexius.
At the St. Alexius hospital, Sister Boniface, mother superior, secured fifty memberships. Twenty-five of the sisters and twenty-three of the nurses subscribed. Patients in the institution swelled the number to a half-hundred. Sister Boniface has given considerable of her time in boosting the membership drive.

At Lucas Store.
At the A. W. Lucas store every member of the force—36 in all—took memberships in the Burleigh county chapter.

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FAIRBANKS MEANS PEP, PUNCH AND PEP

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Travelogues

"TWO OF A KIND"

Comedy

NO PROMISE OF IMMUNITY SAYS WALLA

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that amount and took what I had in the cash drawer and from day to day came in and got more, which was charged against this check until the full amount had been taken out.

"Hall told me it was costing him a lot of money to do some lobbying for an insurance bill for a company for which he was state agent, and he was kicking because they didn't come across."

Walla got "leary."

Later in 1911 the secretary of state came in and collected all his slips and checks from Walla and informed him he was going to borrow some money and take them up. Time dragged along and the money didn't come in, and, said Walla: "I got leary" about the checks and slips and went into Hall's private office one day when nobody was about and made a list of all that I found lying in his safe."

This list was in evidence. It totaled \$2,036.75, and did not include all of the slips and checks which Walla had turned over to Hall, and which Walla later saw destroyed by Mr. Hall when the latter turned over currency in the amount of \$300 for them.

Two trips made by Hall to Minneapolis in March, 1911, were financed from this automobile registration funds, said Walla. One trip cost \$45 and the other \$50. During the last legislative session Hall got about all the currency that came into the department in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$50 a day.

Examination Begins.

"October 15 Hall told me an examination was being made of the offices about the building and wondered if we couldn't stall it off in our department till he had time to get money in to the bill in exchange for his checks. The same day I saw Eric Thorberg and suggested that we go hunting. Hall was stalling things along while trying to get money from Stutsman and from the Guaranty Life Assurance Co., for which he was agent." Walla told of having endorsed for Hall checks made out to employees and run through the department "because it looked better" to make them out to the state treasurer.

Not a Surprise.

The state's calling to the stand a man whom it plans to prosecute on the same offense charged against Hall occasioned little surprise this morning. The state made several efforts to call Walla in the preliminary examination of Hall, but was frustrated by the illness of Walla, which was determined to be real after the attorney general and two physicians had accompanied Judge J. T. Burke, counsel for Walla, to the Walla residence. After Hall had been bound over, it was stipulated that the same testimony apply in the case of Walla and the latter was held to district court without any preliminary examination. His appearance today, therefore, is the first in which he has actually been injected into the case, and his testimony was heard with evident interest by the roomful of spectators.

Youmans on Stand.

The state's first witness this morning was Grant S. Youmans, who sued Secretary of State Hall, Governor Hanna and other members of a former state banking board for \$225,000 damages on charges growing out of the closing of a Minot bank in which Youmans was interested several years ago. More recent bad blood between Hall and Youmans was created when Hall, as a member of the North Dakota blue sky commission, declined to vote in favor of a Youmans' banking enterprise in which a large amount of stock was to be sold, preferably to farmers in the northern part of the state.

Youmans testified that Hall about Oct. 29, had written him a letter asking that Youmans call the secretary of state by long distance phone and intimating that things had occurred which gave him (Hall) a clearer light on certain matters of interest to Youmans. Youmans after a conversation with Hall mailed the latter a cashier's check for \$500, which was returned the same day. Hall advising that he found he had no need for this money.

Prosecutor Brennan made an effort to bring out in Youmans' testimony the alleged ill feeling existing between him and Hall prior to Hall's request for a quick loan, and after several such attempts Judge Coffey called a halt.

"We are not trying everybody's business here," said the court. "It is evident from your questions that this matter has nothing to do with this case."

State Treasurer John Steen on Wednesday evening declined to be made a peg upon which the state might hang its prosecution of Secretary of State Thomas Hall.

The state in its opening argument had referred to a complaint made by the state treasurer as one of the actuating factors in the prosecution of Hall. Similar references had been made by other witnesses or had been interjected by counsel.

Called to the stand Wednesday afternoon to verify these statements, Mr. Steen was asked:

"Did you file a complaint of a shortage in the secretary of state's office with the attorney general?"

"I did not," replied Mr. Steen, rather emphatically.

"Did you have a conversation with the attorney general prior to the arrest of Mr. Hall?"

"I did."

There the state excused its witnesses. The nature of Mr. Steen's conversation with the attorney general remains undiscovered.

More on Finances.

The state devoted a large part of Monday afternoon to further probing of Mr. Hall's financial affairs, putting on the stand bankers from several Bismarck institutions and from Stanger. Deputy State Examiners Thorberg and Edwards were recalled to the stand. Frank Garner, a farmer residing near Baldwin, told of transactions he had had with Hall relating to the purchase by the latter of some livestock.

Sixteen witnesses already have been subpoenaed by the defense. A majority of these are from the capital, but

a number come from Stutsman county, former home of the secretary of state. The court room was filled with spectators.

Waters Good Witness.

Major Jim Walters, Beach horseman and banker, and North Dakota state examiner, again proved yesterday the best all-around witness who has taken the stand in the Burleigh district court on many a year. The major was called by the state, but after W. H. Stutsman had finished the cross-examination for the defense Mr. Walters had said fully as much which was a favor to Mr. Hall as he had testified to the discredit of the secretary of state.

The testimony of the state bank examiner was practically the same as on the preliminary examination. He stated that he had counseled moderation all along the line, had agreed with the secretary of state that the matter could be kept out of the line light without serious damage to the state, while at the same time saving two families and all their connections the shame and sorrow which would result from the arrest and prosecution of Hall and Walla.

Waters testified that he had urged Langer to accede to Hall's request that the whole matter be laid before Governor Frazier before the state be committed to the prosecution of a prominent member of the administration, and that Langer had chosen to ignore the governor in the matter, stating as his reason: "He's too big-hearted; just like you are, Jim."

The bank examiner told of the third degree applied to Tom Hall in a room in the Grand Pacific hotel the night of October 30 when warrants already were out for the secretary of state's arrest and a representative of a strong of Townley newspapers was waiting in the lobby below for a release of his "story," which blazoned to the world the following morning another Langer coup.

Hall Pleads For Mercy

Hall's original pleas for mercy seemed to have concerned Walla almost entirely. Apparently, the secretary of state could not believe until Langer himself broke the news at the Grand Pacific the night of October 30, that he, (Hall) was to be arrested. Although the secretary of state had earlier shown some anxiety on this point.

"Hall said he wanted to avoid publicity for the sake of his family and his parents. He feared the news would kill the old people, who he said were poor, but hot and proud," said Waters, in telling of Hall's first conference with Langer.

"Langer said too many people knew about it, mentioning Steen especially, and that he didn't see how the thing could be hushed up."

"Hall said he could fix Steen; he and John were old friends. I don't think he was using the expression, 'Fix Steen,' with any idea of buying him or bribing him."

"Langer said: 'You may be able to fix Steen, but you can't fix me.'"

Stutsman: "Did Bill swell up and look important when he said that?"

The witness couldn't say that the attorney general expressed anything more than a conviction of self-righteousness.

Change of Front.

"Well, if Langer couldn't be fixed and was so anxious to prosecute, why did he refuse to have anything to do with counting the cash? Why did he first refuse to let Brennan go? Wasn't Hall with you when both of you asked Langer to go down and see the cash counted? Hadn't you (Waters) refused to open the safe unless Langer or someone from his office was there?"

Waters on cross-examination admitted that this was true, and that that Langer had finally reluctantly said that if "Dan (Brennan) wanted to go, it was up to him."

The state examiner testified that none of Hall's personal checks and no slips bearing Hall's "I. O. U." were found in the safe when it was opened and the cash counted.

Frazier Too Easy.

Waters: "Tom told me of trouble he had had with a former clerk in the same department and that he had conferred with Hanna and the matter had been hushed up after the shortage was made good. Hall wanted Frazier brought into a conference on this business. He told me he was going right over and see the governor and have a good talk with him about it, but the governor wasn't in town."

"I told Langer I wouldn't arrest Hall, and asked him if he (Langer) had seen the governor about it. Bill said:

"The governor's too big-hearted—he's just like you."

Apparently the governor wasn't consulted, and things went forward to a quick climax before the governor could return to the city.

Didn't Like Business.

The whole business was distasteful to Waters, as a man, he testified on close examination. He didn't care to be present when Hall was arrested, but Langer asked him to go out with him and look for Hall, and when Hall finally was found Waters "was trailing right along."

After Langer got Hall by himself, with Brennan and Waters in a private room in the Grand Pacific he informed the secretary of state he was to be arrested. "Langer advised Hall to get as good a lawyer as he could find," he said. Tom had better get two lawyers. Hall said he didn't need a lawyer."

When Waters finally escaped from the conference, which had stretched over several hours, he found waiting in the lobby a reporter representing Townley's newspapers.

The latter wanted to know whether "the story had broken yet."

Asked For Mercy.

To begin with, said Waters, Hall pleaded for Walla, and asked Langer not to arrest Walla for the sake of his wife and little children. Hall felt that the shortage having been made up, the state did not need a victim. Hall also feared for the administration.

San Juan Editor in For Sedition

San Juan, Dec. 20—Vincente Balbas, editor of Refista De Las Antillas, who was found guilty recently by a jury in the United States district court on four out of five charges in

connection with articles appearing in his newspaper, was sentenced today to eight years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500.

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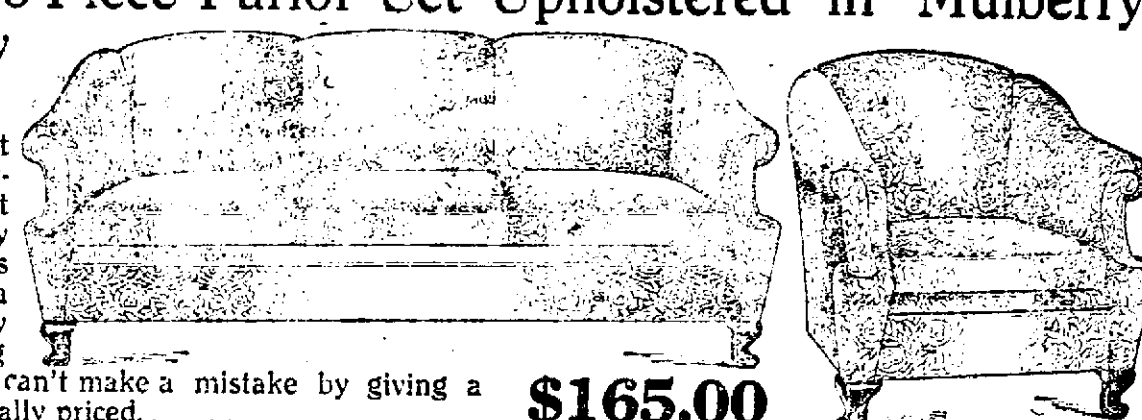
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For twenty-four hours ending at noon, Dec. 20:
Temperature at 7 a. m. 26
Temperature at noon 29
Highest yesterday 48
Lowest yesterday 22
Lowest last night 24
Precipitation04
Highest wind velocity 12-N

Forecast.
For North Dakota: Generally fair tonight and Friday; somewhat colder tonight; rising temperature Friday in the west portion.

Lowest Temperatures
Paris 32
Williston 27
Pierre 34
St. Paul 34
Winnipeg 9
Helena 32
Chicago 40
Swift Current 20
Kansas City 42
San Francisco 48
ORRIS W. ROBERTS,
Meteorologist

SELECT SERVICE SOLDIERS.

Burling county gives twenty more human pledges of its loyalty and devotion to the flag at noon today when a score of Burling's brave sons embark for the first stage of the long journey to Camp Stevens, Ore., where they are to be enlisted in the coast artillery. These boys go as Burling county's first representatives in a most important branch of the great national army, and they are a type of representatives of whom every one of us may be proud.

Farmers, clerks, mechanics and laborers, these select service men are drawn from every rank in life. At 4 o'clock last night all lines of class distinction were erased and they became simple soldiers in the greatest army ever raised in the western hemisphere.

All of Bismarck and a fair proportion of Burling county were at the station at noon today to bid these boys farewell and to wish them a speedy and safe return. They go to glorious adventures and opportunity for splendid achievement. Dangers and hardships await them; they are giving up comforts and luxuries which they may not again know for many a long month. They are severing family ties, taking leave of loved ones, and going out among strangers as mere units in a mighty machine. And, because they are American boys, nurtured in a typical American community, they are going willingly, gladly, proud of a chance to do their bit that the principles of democracy which have been instilled in them may win a great and everlasting victory in the last blood-stained sordid retreat of autocracy.

With these boys goes this pledge: The people of North Dakota, of Burling county, of Bismarck will keep the home fires burning. They will guard carefully against attack from the rear. They will show no mercy for treason, sedition and treachery. They will not permit these boys, marching away today to fight our battles, to be stabbed in the back. Theirs is the more arduous and the more glorious service. Ours is a duty none the less holy and imperative and we will be faithful to the trust.

THOROUGHLY SATISFIED.

That North Dakota will vote favorably upon the adoption of a prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States is regarded as a safe hundred to one shot. North Dakota has been constitutionally dry from statehood, and almost actually dry since July 1, 1917.

Many were inclined to question the benefits of prohibition as exemplified under the constitutional plank which permitted the importation of intoxicants for personal use. Repeated attempts were made to resubmit this question, but even "way back in the pioneer days of the early nineties little headway was made, and in recent years there has been none at all. Since July 1, 1917, the importation of intoxicants in any form has been prohibited.

reduced to a negligible minimum through the joint operations of North Dakota's bonny dry law and the national Webb statute. Drunkenness has decreased to such an extent that in the city of Bismarck not a single arrest for this cause which in the old days averaged from 20 to 30 "plain drunks" monthly.

North Dakota seems thoroughly satisfied with home dryness and entirely willing that the nation at large should enjoy its benefits.

BY HALF-SOLED, AND NOT HALF-SOLED.

Secretary McAdoo not long ago said this was a time when no true American need be ashamed to wear half-soled shoes and half-soled trousers. He meant, of course, to drive home the need of saving.

There are various ways of making your savings work for Uncle Sam if you have as much as \$50 or more at one time, there are the \$50 Liberty Bonds. But there are many people who want to help Uncle Sam and who carefully look at 25 cents they can spare and wonder what they can do with that small sum. The answer is, they can buy a Thrift Stamp with it and when they have 16 of them can add 12 cents and get a War Savings Stamp.

No one need be half-soled in this war.

NO TIME FOR THE GLOOMS.

As Billy Shakespeare would say, "Now is the winter of our discontent, etc., and it has to be admitted that, at this time, the national psychology inclines toward pessimism.

Almost every fellow who returns from Washington reports that the higher-ups of the war management are pessimistic. Investigations are showing up near-scandals and sure weaknesses. The transportation situation is bad. Many of the newly selected soldiers are drilling with broomsticks and thousands of the recruits have had to be taken into private homes. In almost every direction there appears a decided lack of military necessities.

In even ordinary times the winter season has its natural gloom. The sun doesn't do a good and regular job of shining. Bills seem to have a habit of mobilizing. There's a shortage in pretty near everything save the furnace's ability to burn up money. We stay in the house more and, consequently, our livers work less.

But, if the most pessimistic amongst us sit down and think, we ought to easily put the glooms to flight.

When Uncle Sam declared war, a little over eight months ago, the real proposition was to turn a peaceful democracy into a warring autocracy. And just consider what a democracy it was!

Politically, we had a divided Republican party, a party that had dominated, pretty regularly, for a half century; a Democratic party that had slipped in by the skin of its teeth; Socialism growing; progressivism trying to find itself; and all of us clawing at each other.

Racially, we were just one beautiful cosmorama of over such mighty issues as prohibition and woman's suffrage.

Racially, we were just one beautiful cosmorama of all the nations extant.

Socially, we were about as caste-ridden, in one way or another, as ever England was.

Commercially, our railroads were headed toward the poor house, we had no merchant marine whatever and no adequate system and organization through which to complete in the foreign markets.

Industrially, we had got to habitually setting disturbances by violence and private armies of thugs, with court-martials and government troops as the final resort.

What we really declared for, last April, was the right-about-face, in respect of all these conditions. We decided to convert confusion and democracy of opinion and effort into national unity and organization for one purpose. It was like taking all the tongues of a Babel and making them speak in the language of United States patriotism. It was giving birth to an infant who should take the job of an Atlas. And some of us are gloomy because the boy isn't on the job at eight months of age!

Dehold! We have made mistakes, we have shown weaknesses, we are not yet ready to take the mighty burden of the world upon our shoulders! But the wonder of it is that we've got the start that we have. Any committee can take a gun and go out and find spots in any department of national effort that are not bullet-proof. Any individual can feel his body over and find cots, boil, bad teeth, aches of some sort over which to make himself satisfactorily miserable, if he wants to. But the nation, or the man, whose while is the one that can smile when some things go wrong, take another pinch in the belt and go at the real job fiercer than ever.

Cover up, everybody! After winter comes spring, and this coming spring is going to be the growningest spring, every way, that this good old world has ever seen.

Entente powers are said to have decided on "a mere sympathetic attitude" toward the Bolshevik government. Anyhow, sympathy doesn't cost as much as bread and powder.

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New York, Dec. 19.—No new developments or problems presented themselves for serious consideration today, but the stock market continued to decline, an imposing array of issues falling to new minimums. At no period since the inception of the liquidation movement, now almost six months old, has the securities list shown such indifference to attractive interest and dividend returns and such a paucity of speculative inquiry. Prices seemed to recede from sheer inertia more than for any other reason. Support, gave in isolated cases and at rare intervals was wholly lacking, gift edged issues yielding more easily than those of less intrinsic value.

The supplementary list of fresh low records, both for stocks and bonds, included such former prime favorites as Union Pacific, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Atchison, Great Northern, Louisville and Nashville and Baltimore and Ohio.

In these stocks extreme losses extended from 2 to 4 points, while points, while among the bonded obligations of the same properties the shrinkage ran from one to two per cent. United Kingdom's were weakest of the international group, other foreign issues also yielding.

Stocks were lowest on the enlarged offerings of the last hour, leaders losing 2 to 3 points. United States steel made an extreme reversal of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, and Union Pacific 3 1/2 to 4 1/2. Sales amounted to 460,000 shares.

Liberty bonds were heavy at 97.12 to 97.14, the 3 1/2's being more steady at 98.50 to 98.60. Total sales (par value) aggregated \$1,350,000. United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

American Beet Sugar	64 1/2
American Can	33 1/2
American Smelting & Refining	68 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	96 1/2
American Zinc	11 1/2
Anaconda Copper	54
Atchison	76 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio	43 1/2
Butte and Superior	12 1/2
California Petroleum	10 1/2
Canadian Pacific	128
Central Leather	56
Chesapeake and Ohio	43
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	37
Citico Copper	35
Colorado Fuel and Iron	30 1/2
Crescent Steel	46 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar	25 1/2
Erie	13 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cts.	23 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	80
Inspiration Copper	33 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine Pfd. Cts.	75
Knoxville and Nashville	104 1/2
Miami Copper	25 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	67
Missouri Pacific	21 1/2
Montana Power	60
New York Central	62 1/2
Northern Pacific	77 1/2
Pennsylvania	40 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	20
Reading	70 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel	77
Southern Pacific	77
Southern Railway	21 1/2
Texas Co.	115 1/2
Union Pacific	102 1/2
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	104 1/2
United States Steel	80 1/2
Utah Copper	70 1/2

NOTICE AND CITATION, HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE.

State of North Dakota, County of Burleigh—ss:
In county court, before Hon. H. C. Bradley, judge.
In the matter of the estate of Nina Downey, deceased.
Walter H. Huntington, Petitioner vs.
Mabel Hunt Penwarden, I. H. Robinson, Maud Robinson Putnam, Lillian Robinson Doerschlatt, A. H. Flannery and Frank J. Flannery, Respondents.
The State of North Dakota to the Above Named Respondents:
You, the said respondents, are hereby notified that the final account of the administration of the will annexed of Nina Downey, late of the county of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and state of Oregon, deceased, has been rendered to this court, there-in showing that the estate of said deceased is ready for final settlement and distribution, and petitioning that his account be allowed, the residue of said estate be distributed to the persons thereunto entitled, his administration closed and he be discharged; that Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the court rooms of this court in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, has been duly appointed by this court for the settlement thereof, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account and petition and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required then and there to be and appear before this court, and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate distributed, the administration of said estate closed, and said administrator be discharged. Dated the 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.
By the Court:
H. C. BRADLEY,
Judge of the County Court.
Miller, Zuger & Tillotson,
Attorneys for Petitioner,
Bismarck, N. D. 12-6-13-20-27.

PACIFIC ROADS GIVE ORE CARS FOR COAL

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 20.—Duluth railroads are helping out in the car shortage emergency in supplying iron ore cars for the movement of coal during the winter months. It is announced that the Northern Pacific, Soo Line and the Great Northern roads have also arranged to release thousands of their iron ore cars to facilitate coal shipments.

THREE COLORED MEN SENTENCED TO HANG

Butte, Mont., Dec. 20.—Frank Fisher, John O'Neil and Sherman Powell, (colored) will be hanged from the same scaffold in the Silver Bow county jail yard between the hours of 3 and 10 a. m. Jan. 14, 1918. Formal judgment was pronounced today by District Judge John V. Dwyer after receipt of remittances from the supreme court denying new trials. The men were convicted of murder, the jury fixing the death penalty in the case of Powell and the court sentencing Fisher and O'Neil.



Wallace Reid portrays the leading support to Geraldine Farrar in the spectacular photo-drama, "The Woman God Forgot," showing at the Bismarck theater tonight and tomorrow.

POSTAL RAIL FACILITIES CROWDED TO CAPACITY BUT ONLY BLIZZARD WILL DELAY CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Washington, Dec. 20.—Commander amount of mail to be handled. Nevertheless congestion is less now than at this time last year, when a blizzard made sport of all attempts to run trains. The increased daily business of the department has there been such a tremendous call on facilities as has been made since Nov. 15. The average daily business since that time has equalled the Christmas business of 1916, which was the largest ever known, and the volume of Christmas mail has still further increased the

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Chicago Grain.
Option Open High Low Close
Corn—
Jan. 1.21 1/2 1.22 1.21 1/2 1.21 1/2
May 1.19 3/4 1.19 3/4 1.19 3/4 1.19 3/4
Oats—
Dec. .75 .75 1/2 .75 1/2 .75 1/2
May .72 1/2 .73 1/2 .72 1/2 .72 1/2
Minneapolis Grain.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Wheat receipts today were 204 cars compared with 181 a year ago.
Corn, No. 3, yellow 1.60@1.65.
Oats, No. 3, white .75@.76 1/2.
Flax, 3.49@3.54.
Flour unchanged. Shipments 67,300 barrels.
Barley, 1.28@1.35.
Rye, 1.82@1.93.
Bran, 39.00@40.50.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Hogs—Receipts 11,500; higher; heavy 16.00@16.20; mixed 16.15@16.25; light 16.10@16.30; pigs 10.00@10.00; bulk 16.15@16.30.
Cattle—Receipts 6,500; steady; native steers 8.50@13.50; cows and heifers 6.50@10.00; western steers 7.75@11.75; cows and heifers 6.00@9.00; canners 5.00@6.00; stockers and feeders 4.00@11.00; calves, 9.00@12.50; bulls, 8.00, etc., 6.00@8.50.
Sheep—Receipts 11,000; steady; lower; yearlings 11.50@12.00; wethers 11.00@12.50; ewes 9.50@11.00; lambs 14.00@16.00.

ST. PAUL LIVE STOCK.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—Hogs—Receipts 12,000; 25 to 40 c higher; range 15.25@16.00; bulk 15.75@15.90.
Cattle—Receipts 2,300; killers, steady; steers 5.50@15.50; cows and heifers 5.50@14.75; stockers and feeders, slow and steady 5.00@10.00.
Sheep—Receipts 500; steady; lambs 8.00@16.00; wethers 7.00@12.00; ewes 5.00@10.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.
Chicago, Ills., Dec. 19.—Hogs—Receipts 12,000, strong 25c above yesterday's average; bulk 15.90@16.40; light 15.25@16.30; mixed 15.70@16.55; heavy 15.70@16.55; rough 15.70@15.90; pigs 11.00@14.10.
Cattle—Receipts 13,000; firm; native steers 12.50@14.35; western steers 6.20@12.75; stockers and feeders 6.25@10.30; cows and heifers 5.00@11.15; calves 9.00@16.50.
Sheep—Receipts 10,000; weak; wethers 9.00@13.10; ewes 8.00@11.30; lambs 12.55@16.45.

SILK UNDERWEAR
Just the mention of these garments perhaps solves the problem:
Kayser Silk Vests.....\$1.98 to \$3.48
Kayser Silk Camisoles.....\$1.25 to \$3.75
Kayser Silk Bloomers.....\$2.50 to \$3.65
Kayser Silk Envelope
Chinese\$1.48 to \$3.98
Kayser Silk Union Suits.....\$4.75 to \$5.25

GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS
We are fortunate to have handkerchiefs in great numbers and infinite variety—priced exceedingly moderate:
Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs, put up three in a box from.....35c to \$1.35 the box
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs.....22c to 35c
Tissue Handkerchiefs at.....25c
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs.....35c
Men's Fancy Handkerchiefs.....35c to 75c
Children's Handkerchiefs at from 5c to 25c

VISIT TOYLAND IN OUR BARGAIN BASEMENT

Webb Brothers

points where the boys are stationed. The military spirit in the First Baptist church is much felt and the church has endeavored to assist as much as possible in the war work. Rev. Bruce E. Jackson who is one of the big Y. M. C. A. workers at Camp Dodge, was granted a year's leave of absence by the congregation and the present pastor, Rev. L. R. Call is one of the most enthusiastic workers of the city in war work. The boys remembered are Sergeant Herman Brodopp, Arthur Martley, George Mercler, Arthur Serres all of Company A, Einar Nelson, Howard Ritchie, Archie Kunkel, Martin Mayer, H. Dahl of the navy, Fred Couch stationed at Fort Hayes, Julius Amberson of the wireless department at Harvard and Donald Hallbrook, Great Lakes training station.

SPRECKELS' CLAIM MERE SMALL TALK

Head of American Sugar On Stand.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate sugar investigation continued yesterday with Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining company, testifying largely concerning the fixing of the price of the Louisiana crop and its relation to the beet sugar when the shortage in the east first became acute, and in answer to charges of Claus A. Spreckels which he characterized as "small talk."

Some members of the committee hope to be able to call tomorrow Food Administrator Hoover and Geo. M. Rolph director of the sugar division of the food administration, and close the sugar inquiry by tomorrow night so as to begin the coal investigation.

75 FIREMEN'S UNIONS ASKED TO VOTE ON BIG WAGE INCREASE TODAY

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Wage increases of from 10 to 40 per cent today were submitted to 75 locomotive firemen's unions on railroads in the United States for a vote. The demands were drawn up yesterday by committees of the Trainmen Brotherhoods. Instructions sent to the firemen say that the vote is not on a question of a strike.

For laughs and thrills see Douglas Fairbanks at the Orpheum tonight.

The Christmas Gift Store

Our fine Christmas stocks allow the desired opportunity for discernment in choosing gifts which carry the suggestion of thoughtfulness and taste in their selection.

SILK HOSE
They are sure to please
Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, black
...and white\$2.25 to \$2.75
Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose.....\$1.50
Ladies Silk Hose in the season's most popular shades\$1.50 to \$1.75
Fibre Silk Hose.....39c to 75c
Men's Fancy Socks.....65c to \$1.25

SILK KIMONAS
Nothing quite takes their place in a woman's estimation. Here you will find a beautiful assortment that will make choosing easy.
Priced at from \$3.95 to \$15.00

FURS
What gift compares with Furs? Here you can buy a Muff, Scarf or Set at prices that will considerably ease the strain on your purse.
A GIFT OF LEATHER GOODS
Will surely be appreciated. Our Leather Goods Department is ready with all the latest novelties.
Leather Collar Bags.....\$1.65 to \$1.98
Leather Hand Bags and
Purses48c to \$6.75
Manicure Sets in Cases.....\$2.25 to \$8.25
Military Sets in Leather
Cases\$2.25 to \$5.00
Tourist Cases\$3.98 to \$12.75
Suit Cases\$9.00 to \$18.50
Traveling Bags\$8.50 to \$25.00

SILK BLOUSES AS GIFTS
A wonderfully fine showing in Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Wash Satin, Taffeta and Tub Shirtings from \$2.98 to \$15.00

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SOCIETY NEWS.

The appeal made by Major E. P. Quinn for clothing for the soldiers at Camp Oglethorpe, Ga., has found ready response among Bismarckers. Wednesday night a 150-pound box of clothing contributed by some of the businessmen of the city was sent to Major Quinn. Other people of the city are contributing. Anyone who desires to help can leave articles at the home of Mrs. J. P. Dunn in Third street. A box will be sent south Saturday and all donations should be at the Dunn home by Saturday noon.

Well Known Woman Passes Away in N. Y.

Word has been received in the city announcing the death Wednesday of Mrs. C. E. Burch at her home in northern New York. Mrs. Burch was very well known in the capital city where she visited a number of times with her sister, Mrs. Walter Winchester and nieces, Mrs. Fred L. Conklin and Mrs. N. O. Ramstad.

To Wives and Mothers Of the Boys in Khaki

If the mother or the wife of any khaki-clad boy now in France is worrying about him, let her please in the language of Chimmie Fadden, "forget it." He is a better man in every sense than when he left her. His own mother would hardly know him. He is as hard as his shirt. There is the sparkle of health and vigor in his eyes. He comes in from a hard day's work, often at the end of a fifteen-mile hike with fifty-three pounds on his back, a swing in his gait and a song on his lips. Morning sick call is a joke; no one is sick. When your boy comes home he'll be a man, my son," and more too.

He is learning that a canvas cot may be sweeter than a couch of down. He is getting good food, well cooked, as much as he can eat. He is far from any evil influence; his life is in the open and among simple, pure-minded country folk, and the men over him are not only officers but fathers. He is learning that discipline is the best thing that can come to a man, because it teaches belief in oneself and belief in one's fellow men. These American sons of American mothers have blossomed into men in the truest sense of the word.—Ladies Home Journal.

Installation Tonight.
The annual installation will be held by the Bismarck Commandery this evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic temple.

To Spend Christmas Here.
Wardner and Franklin Roberts, sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Roberts of Main street, will arrive in the city Saturday from Fargo, where they are attending the State Agricultural college.

Rehearsing for Christmas.
The young people of the Swedish Lutheran church met Tuesday evening with Miss Vivian Smith in Sixth street and spent the evening rehearsing for the Christmas music. An enjoyable social hour at which time refreshments were served, followed the rehearsal.

Civic League Meeting.
An important meeting of the Civic Improvement league has been called by the president, Mrs. J. P. Dunn, for this evening in her home in Third street. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to attend so that a quorum will be reached in order to transact the business.

Lodge Elects Officers.
At a largely attended meeting of the Degree of Honor Tuesday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall, when the state Grand President, Mrs. Frankie Lyman of Cando, was present, officers for the year were elected and installed and a large class of candidates initiated. Mrs. Laura Elstrom was elected chief of honor; Mrs. Annie Schebler, lady of honor; Mrs. Jeanette Whitty, chief of ceremony; Miss Emma Laist, recorded; Mrs. Elizabeth Laist, finance; Bradley C. Marks, treasurer; usher, Mrs. Elizabeth LeFrance; assistant usher, Miss Lillian Gustafson; inside watch, Mrs. Emma Renter; outside watch, Mrs. Blenda Engen. Following the business and enjoyable social hour featured with members of the A. O. U. W. lodge as guests.

Annual High School Sale.
The annual high school sale of candy and cakes has been announced for Friday afternoon in the office of the high school. Much interest centers in this annual event because of the recipes used in the making, which conforms with the government food administration. The sweets will be made largely from sugar substitutes. Miss Latson, of the domestic science department, and her classes have spent considerable time investigating the use of syrups and other sugar substitutes as a basis for candy. In each box of candy will be enclosed the recipe used. The cakes and dried fruits. Some splendid results have been obtained by Miss Latson in the use of these substitutes and a fine line of home-made candies and cakes will be on sale.

Christmas Program.
A feature of special interest among the high school students is the presentation Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium of the annual Christmas program. The program this year will be in charge of the Junior class. Secrecy surrounds the entertainment as the class members are most reticent in giving out the full details of the program but so much has "leaked" that will give an idea of the splendid things to be expected. The principal address will be given by Governor Lynn J. Frazier and a play entitled "Mid-Summer Night's Dream" will be given under

the direction of Denver Thue with Harland Fogarty, Otto Driam, William Yegen, Harold Vermilya, Donald McCoy and Erle Theimer to bring the cast. Patriotic feasts with musical accompaniments will also feature.

Military Wedding.
Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Mrs. Ethel Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. North rap of Jamestown to Lieutenant John Lytle of the national army. Their marriage was the culmination of a romance begun through the bride's connection with the Jamestown Woman's Auxiliary to Company H. Mrs. Lytle first started to write Lieutenant Lytle on business matters pertaining to the work of the auxiliary, but later an intimate friendship sprang up and photographs were exchanged. The bride went to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., where he was stationed and they were married in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage December 8. They were attended by Captain and Mrs. Woody. They were tendered a post nuptial banquet by his fellow officers.

Miss Sarles to Wed.
A wedding of interest throughout the state has been announced to take place Christmas day when Miss Doris Sarles, daughter of Ex-Governor and Mrs. E. Y. Sarles will become the bride of Lieutenant Fred Mann, U. S. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Mann of Devils Lake. The event will be solemnized in the Sarles home in Hillsboro, where Hon. and Mrs. Sarles have only recently returned from Des Moines, Ia., where they have been sojourning so as to be near their son, Lieutenant Sarles. The nuptials will have a military setting and will be among the brilliant society events of the holiday season. Lieutenant Mann and his fiancée are graduates of the University of North Dakota. Since Lieutenant Mann received his commission at the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling he has been stationed at Camp Dodge.

Women's Club Notes.
Last meeting for 1917 Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Larson in Sixth street. A miscellaneous program was presented with interesting papers on "The Virgin Islands," by Mrs. F. J. Marcellus; "The Ladrone Islands," by Mrs. H. C. Postlethwaite and "The Samoan Islands," by Mrs. Mary L. McLean. The roll call was responded to by current events and Christmas customs were given as responses. The next meeting of the club will be "Mothers' Day," and will meet with Mrs. McLean in First street. The fortnightly club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. L. Conklin in Fourth street, for the last meeting of 1917, and continued the study of Modern Literature. The program was featured by a most interesting paper on the life and works of Robert L. Stevenson by Mrs. F. S. Talcott. Mrs. P. B. Byrne gave a most interesting review of the Master of Ballantrae and Mrs. Conklin discussed current fiction. The study was led by Mrs. Minnie Clarke Rudlong. The first meeting of the new year will be held Wednesday, January 2, with Mrs. Rudlong.

CITY NEWS
St. Alexis Notes.—Among the recent patients to enter the St. Alexis hospital are Mose Woods, city; Mrs. John King, city; Master Wencel Frankfort, Ashley; Albert Soller, Mannheim; Mrs. Henry Kerzman, Mrs. J. L. Richards, Crystal Springs; Otto Hinkel, Center; Isabelle Kinney, Bradock; Paul Basler, New Leipzig; Eleanor Willard, Erhard, Minn.; John Muller, Wing. Those to leave the hospital were John Hatzon Buhler, Solon; J. G. Beveridge, Ashley and Mike Boson, Linton.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brophy and daughter of Underwood, have moved into the Griffiths house in Mandan Avenue and Avenue C, which they recently purchased.

Miss Bessie Johnson, teacher of science in the normal school in Minot, and formerly a member of the local high school faculty, has been granted a several months' leave of absence on account of impaired health. She will visit relatives in Duluth and Minneapolis.

Mrs. William Hasty of Fourth street left Tuesday on a trip to the twin cities and points in Illinois and Indiana. Mr. Hasty will leave Saturday for Billings, where he has been transferred. They will make their home there.

Mrs. H. O. Batzer of Hazelton, under went an operation Wednesday in the St. Alexis hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLean of Mandan, were guests Tuesday of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary L. McLean of First street.

Mrs. William V. Kiebert of Center but formerly of this city, returned today after a short visit here. While here she was a guest at the Grand Pacific.

Miss Clara Schroeder of the firm of Quain and Ramstad, will spend Christmas at her home in Jamestown.



Douglas Fairbanks in Tri- angle Play, "The Lamb." At the Orpheum theatre tonight One big thrill from start to finish.

SUBMARINE TAX STANDS UNDER LAST ACCOUNTING

London, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage were

sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement Wednesday. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1,600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

French Losses.
Paris, Dec. 20.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 17, were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1,000 tons was sunk and none over 1,000 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

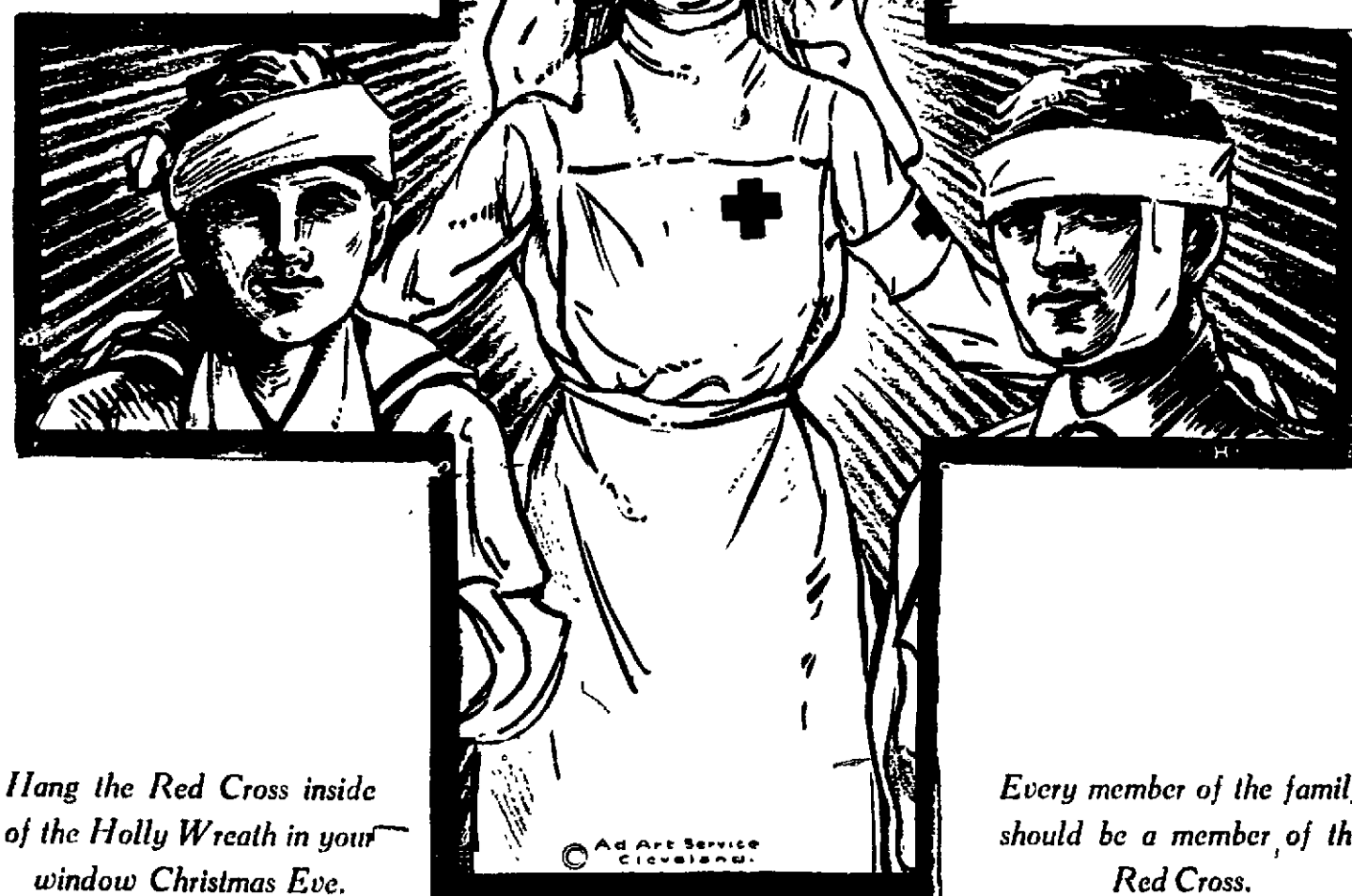
Ladies and gents pressing and cleaning. Irving Tailoring Co. Phone 788.

DOUG FAIRBANKS AT ORPHEUM TONIGHT.
In "The Lamb" Fairbanks has to have a rattlesnake crawl over him and has to encounter a savage wolf and a ferocious mountain lion face to face. You'll see a dozen Indians armed with knives soar in an aeroplane and operate a machine gun. As the west opens who worked with him said, he kicked his hips and asked for more.

These are only a few of the many thrills you will see tonight at the Orpheum in "The Lamb." Two good single reel subjects will complete this well balanced program. If you wish a seat be on hand early. Fairbanks means pep, punch and pop.

Geraldine Farrar in "The Woman God Forgot," at the Bismarck Theatre tonight. 12 20 11

Make It a Red Cross Christmas



Hang the Red Cross inside of the Holly Wreath in your window Christmas Eve.

Every member of the family should be a member of the Red Cross.

IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER:



ONE dark night nearly twenty centuries ago, the Heavens opened and a great stream of light flowed down to earth and the angels of God sang a sweet and blessed song, "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

Nearly two thousands years have gone by, and now on this blessed Christmas eve we can no longer sing the angel's song, for wicked and brutish men have brought war and hatred and strife throughout the world. But this we can do. In every home in this great land, from north to south, from east to west, we can place the blessed symbol of God's love and mercy, and back of each cross a lighted taper, and these little rays of light will be gathered all together and make a mighty stream that will focus on the throne of God, and all this great people may sing the song of mercy, and that anthem of love will be the sweetest music that has ever reached to the ears of God.

Pity the man in whose window burns no light on this holy night.

Enroll Now in the Red Cross

Donated by the Following Merchants of Bismarck, N. D.

First National Bank
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Missouri Valley Motor Co.
Finney's Drug Store
The Hughes Electric Co.
Bonham Bros., Jewelers
Publicity Film Co.
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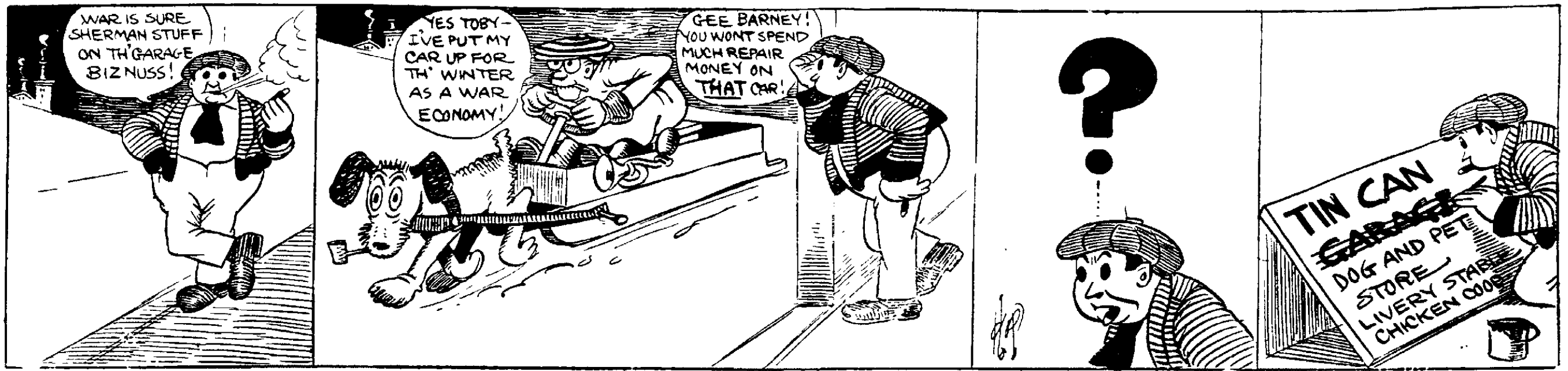
A. W. Lucas Co.
Johnson's Fastest Growing Store
City National Bank
First Guaranty Bank
Nichols, the Tailor
Marshall Oil Company
Gamble Robinson Fruit Co.
Motor Car Supply Co.

Webb Bros.
D. T. Owens & Co.
Knowles, the Jeweler
White's Home Made Candies
Cowan's Drug Store
Bismarck Bank
Bismarck Realty Co.
Bismarck Elevator & Inv. Co.
Capital Security Bank

This space acknowledged by the Red Cross Committee.

THE TIN CAN GARAGE by Hop.

If there is any business to be had, Toby'll get it



REORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN ARMY ON PLAN BEST ADAPTED TO WAR CONDITIONS PROPOSED

Fort Snelling, Dec. 20.—Proposed reorganization of units of America's army on plans to be best adapted to war conditions in Europe will involve enlargement of the basic units such as companies and regiments, it is said here though the exact number of men in the new company is considered matter for secrecy and hence the strength of the larger unit must also be held from public knowledge. It is known, however, that the companies will be divided into platoons after the plan adopted by British officers and that an additional number of lieutenants will be attached to each company.

Besides a headquarters company, a machine gun company and a supply company, each regiment is to consist of twelve companies of men. It is

rumored too that the companies will each have a headquarters unit, making each a individual organization, but no confirmation of that plan has been received here. The captain of every company is to have what army men say is practically an "assistant captain" in the first lieutenant, and the second lieutenants will carry out the duties connected with the command of the platoons.

In the days of the Civil war, a brigade generally included from two to three regiments, but the modern brigade will definitely consist of three regiments. A similar definite organization of a division will make three brigades while two or more divisions, with supplementary organizations such as those of a cavalry, engineers, etc., will make up the corps.

WORLD'S LARGEST KNITTING CLASS AIDS RED CROSS.



The picture above shows but a portion of the largest knitting class ever formed. These girls are employed in the manufacturing plant of one of Chicago's leading industries. When this photograph was taken 277 women and girls were knitting. An expert teacher is provided on two nights a week to show the beginners and instruct in the difficult stitches. When the knitting class gets out needles and yarn, typewriters are shoved aside and the class is divided into sections, one row in making sweaters; another, scarfs, another, helmets, and so on. Thus the inexperienced knitter can look over her neighbor's shoulder when a knotty knitting problem confronts her.

FUEL DICTATOR URGES SPEEDING UP CAR SERVICE

Attention to the necessity of speeding up car movements is called by Capt. J. P. Baker, federal fuel administrator, in an appeal issued today to the chairman of each district committee in North Dakota. "Your committee can be of great service in urging consignees to unload cars promptly upon receipt of them," says Captain Baker. "You should give the matter all possible publicity and work up public opinion so that it will become unpopular for anyone to delay the unloading of cars, particularly of coal cars, or otherwise delay car movement."

"Your committee can also be of service by making the committee a point of communication between those who have complaints about car delinquencies and the railroad officials who should correct them. Car-users are sometimes reluctant to make charges about delay against railroad men for fear of unpleasant consequences, and they might be willing to tell the committee when they would not complain to other agent."

"You may find it advisable to assign a special man for this work, either a member of the committee or some specially fitted person. Do all in your power to get action in this matter. Urge the instant unloading and movement of cars and work nights, Sundays and holidays—anything to empty and move coal cars promptly. Several railroads in North Dakota are furnishing one car when three should be furnished simply because of tardiness and neglect on the part of car-users."

WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO GUARD FUND

N. C. Larson, a Max subscriber to The Bismarck Tribune, writes with an inquiry as to what has been done with the chaplain's fund for the Second regiment, raised last fall by Chaplain H. C. Markley, and which Mr. Larson has gathered from newspaper reports amounted to about \$8,900. Mr. Larson is a contributor to the fund.

There is no Second North Dakota regiment now existing, writes Mr. Larson. "Will you please tell the public in your paper what was done with the money collected by Mr. Markley."

STATE OFFICIALS PAID.

Santa Claus Helped Out by Snyder's Good Work.

State officials and employees who received a full month's salary, totaling something over \$22,900, as Christmas money today are largely indebted to John R. Snyder of the state auditor's office for their financial salvation. Mr. Snyder, special deputy in the state auditor's office, has just returned from a tour of the northern part of the state bringing with him \$25,453 garnered from old accounts long in litigation. The quota includes \$12,708 in interest and principal on payments on school lands which various counties had failed to remit; there is \$5,000 in fines, and \$7,745 received in settlement of disputed claims for the state's care of indigent insane charged to several northern counties.

ANOTHER STAR FOR TRIB.

Former Employee Enlists in U. S. Wireless Service.

Edwin Kositzky, a former employee of the mailing room of the Bismarck Tribune, and a brother of State Auditor Earl Kositzky, writes his brother from Camp Dewey, Great Lakes, Ill., where he has enlisted as a member of Regiment B, Co. 2, in the radio corps of the national army. Young Kositzky after leaving Bismarck went to Lincoln, Neb., with his parents and there entered the University of Nebraska, on whose football team he starred for the last three seasons. He gave up his studies to become one of Uncle Sam's soldiers, the fourteenth American Kositzky who has joined in the fight against nine German Kositzkies who are fighting for the Kaiser.

WARNING FARMERS.

McGovern Says They Should Insist on Inspection.

J. A. McGovern, chief deputy inspector of grades, weights and measures under North Dakota's new grain grading act, has supplied the railway commission with a copy of a circular which is being mailed to all farmers whom the grain grading department has on its list, advising them of the practice of having their grain graded and inspected by a deputy state inspector before selling it. Mr. McGovern notifies the farmers that grain growers have lost four cents a bushel in many instances through having their grain graded in a lower subclass than they were entitled to, or through selling the grain without inspection or grading.

ANNA HELD SEES UNION OF FRENCH AND OUR SAMMIES

From her babyhood days Anna Held has been gifted with a certain amount of prophetic vision.

At present she is bringing her talents to this regard into play to forecast events that will follow the entrance of the United States into the European war.

"Europe is filled with dying races—races from whom vigor has departed because of the centuries of intermarriage among families, and the American people, young, sturdy, full of ambition, enthusiastic, will be the means of breeding a new race in Europe."

This is the prediction of the famous French star of musical comedy who is coming to the Auditorium on Jan. 1, at the head of her own gorgeous

production "Follow Me," with which she scored a sensational success at the Casino, Broadway, New York, last season.

"Hereafter the intermarriage of Americans and Europeans, especially with the English and the French," says the actress, "will not be confined to the union of millionaires' daughters with noblemen. Your troops, splendid, vigorous young men of the common people, will mate with French and British girls, and in natural sequence, the women of their families will be attracted to the men of our European countries, and from the battlefields of this terrible war will rise a new race. It is inevitable."

Miss Held, whose home in Paris, which is directly opposite the palace of the president of France, has been used as a hospital, and who has served as a nurse and "done her bit" in many ways before she returned to America, says she looks for the women of the United States to be powerful factors in carrying on the great work which will follow now after the sending of troops across the water.

ENGINEERS ENLIST TO HELP SAMMIES LICK THE KAISER

T. J. Lough of Mandan, for some time past employed in the state engineer's office, has been commissioned first lieutenant in the engineers' branch of the national army, following a successful examination at St. Paul, and he will report to Snelling on January 5 for assignment to his detachment.

C. A. Walter, another employee of the state engineer's office, leaves December 22 for St. Paul to enter the engineer corps as a private.

Harris Robinson, formerly coal mine inspector in the state engineer's office, has resumed that position after having spent a year in the employ of the McLean county highway commission, as superintendent of highways, directing a large amount of excellent road-

building made a possibility by a liberal policy adopted by the county commissioners.

NEW TRAINING SCHOOL. N. C. Macdonald Home from Ellendale Dedication.

N. C. Macdonald, state superintendent of public instruction, is home from Ellendale, where he officiated at the dedication of a new model training school for the normal industrial school.

LEAGUERS IN CITY. Prominent Stutsman County Nonpartisans Attend Trial.

Richard Pendray of near Jamestown and U. Gibson Dunlop of Glasgow, a Pendray of Jamestown, have joined the latter here in attendance at the trial of their cousin, Secretary of State Thomas Hall. All the Stutsman county men are prominent Nonpartisan leaguers.

154 GERMAN DIVISIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front is placed in official dispatches received here today at 154 divisions, or with in one division of the great force amassed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Always something good to eat, steaming hot, served properly and attractively, day or night, at the McKen's dairy lunch.

NEURALGIC PAINS

Give Way to Soothing Hamlin's Wizard Oil

Hamlin's Wizard Oil is a safe and effective treatment for headache and neuralgia. Rubbed in where the pain is, it acts as a tonic to the tortured nerves and almost invariably brings quick relief.

Its healing, antiseptic qualities can always be relied upon to prevent infection, or other serious results, from sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, bites and stings. Just as good, too, for sore feet, sun neck, frost bites, cold sores and chafed skin.

Get it from druggists for 30 cents. If not satisfied return the bottle and get your money back.

Ever constipated or have sick headache? Just try Wizard Liver Whips, pleasant little pink pills, 30 cents. Guaranteed.

GERMAN BORN, 53, WOULD FIGHT FOR WORLD DEMOCRACY

"I was born in Germany; I've got dozens of relatives over there fighting for the Kaiser, and I'll soon have four boys there fighting for Uncle Sam. I'm 53 years old, and I've tried three times to get into this war, and I expect to keep on trying until they take me. In the meantime I'm going up and down this country telling men to get into this war. Married men, too, for we can't rely on our boys to win this war for us. We've got to do our part, and we've got to win."

The speaker was J. R. Nebergall, 539 first street, a German-American who brings honor to the name he bears. For all his 53 years, he's a man in his prime, and if he at last achieves his ambition and does get into this war, the Kaiser will know there's a new Nebergall there.

MEXICO WANTS A QUID PRO QUO

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Rafael Nieto, under secretary for finance, told the Associated Press today that there were no restrictions against the exportation of minerals from Mexico but that it was impossible to permit the exportation of her resources without any return.

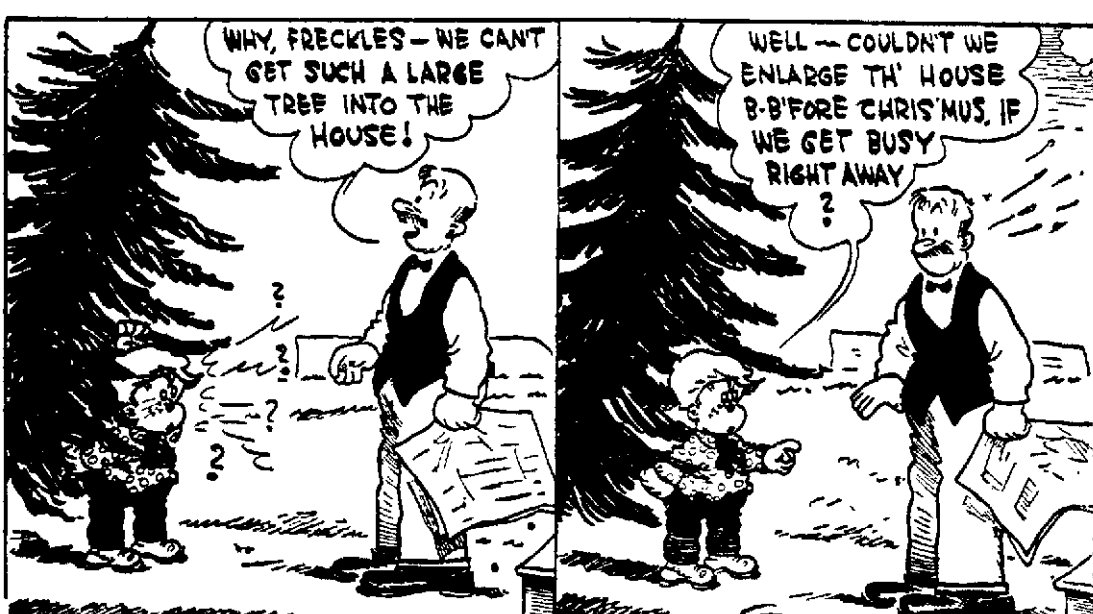
WIRELESS RELAYS HALF ROUND WORLD

Washington, Dec. 20.—A wireless message received today from Admiral Knight at Cavine, P. I., to Secretary Daniels here, announced completion of the chain of government radio stations extending half way around the globe.

ROBBERS MURDER FOR MILL PAYROLL

Gary, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two robbers who today escaped with \$10,700 after stunning Michael Binzen, a saloon-keeper, and killing Spencer Tillman, a negro porter serving as a bodyguard, are supposed to have fled to Chicago. Between them Binzen and Tillman carried \$25,000 to be used in cashing the checks of steel mill employees.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU DON'T NEED

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FOR SALE—Modern 6 room house, with bath, hot water furnace, full cemented basement, 75 foot front facing southeast, oak finish down stairs, hard wood floors. Price \$2,500. Terms: \$800 cash. Balance terms to suit purchaser.

FOR SALE—Modern 5 room bungalow, with bath, hot air furnace, full cemented basement, on 10th street. Price \$2,100. Terms: \$1,100 cash. Balance: On monthly payments in Building & Loan Association.

FOR SALE—Acres property in the New Lincoln Addition, at \$300 to \$400 per acre. Terms: One third cash, balance: terms to suit purchaser. Building lots for sale in all parts of the city.

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FOR SALE—New bungalow of 6 rooms and bath, 3 bed rooms. Lot 6x150. East front. \$3,500.

FOR RENT—Strictly modern house of 5 rooms and bath, on Avenue C, East.

Insurance Written - - - Notary Public
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Lucas Block. Phone 743

HELP WANTED—MALE

Wanted - - - - - at 11th Street Pool Hall. 11 6 ft.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

Wanted—A No. 1 Lookkeeper. Steady work. Fine future. Must be efficient and rapid. Address Tribune X. Y. 3. *****

Wanted—Girl for general housework; call 423 1/2 Fifth St. Mrs. H. J. Woodmanson. 12-20-21

Wanted—Waitress at Homan's cafe at once. 12 20 ft.

Waitress wanted at the Grand Cafe, Mandan. 12 18 ft.

Wanted—A competent girl for general housework; Mrs. L. E. Opatky, 517 Mandan Ave. dec18ft

Offer permanent position at very attractive salary to an especially competent experienced stenographer. Address P. O. Box 508. 12 18 ft.

Wanted—Dining room girl, experience not necessary. One willing to learn. Wentworth Hotel, Napoleon, N. D. 12 15 ft.

Wanted—Chambermaid at Allen's cafe, 116 Fifth St. 12-14 ft.

Wanted—Young apprentice girl in Beauty Parlor. Write 348 care Tribune. 12-11-6

HOUSES WANTED

Wanted to rent—5 to 7 room house, modern. Will lease for one year. Phone 328R. 12 17 ft.

Wanted—Modern furnished house or flat during winter months. Call Jack Hansen, State Engineer's office. Phone 40. 12-17-01

AUTOMOBILES, MOTORCYCLES
FOR SALE—1917 Ford, like new. Run less than 2,500 miles. Electric starter. Demountable rims. Spare tire. \$385 for quick sale. Earl Branick, Dickinson, N. D. 12 7 ft.

WORK WANTED

Wanted—Work for the young men here attending the school in telegraphy for government service. Will work during the day. Communicate with Commercial club. 12 13 ft.

ROOMS FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms or entire house unfurnished. Close in. Phone 702L. 12 18 ft.

FOR RENT—Strictly Modern rooms. Phone 377K. 12 16 1mo

ROOM FOR RENT—over the Knowles Jewelry store. Apply to F. A. Knowles. 12 15 ft.

FOR RENT—2 rooms with board and wash in modern house. 320 Mandan Ave. Phone 298Y. 12 18 ft.

FOR RENT—Beautiful large furnished double room in private home. Reasonable. Married couple preferred. Phone 646L. 12 17 ft.

FOR RENT—Strictly modern rooms. Phone 377K. 12 16 1 mo

FOR RENT—One large furnished front room, small room adjoining suitable for two people or used for light housekeeping if desired. Phone 477 U or call at 515 Avenue E. 12 13 ft.

ROOMS FOR RENT—All modern, hot water heater. Telephone connected. 515 Avenue E. 12 17 ft.

FOR RENT—Clean, modern, electric lighted, furnished rooms at the Business college. Phone 183. 12-17-01

FOR RENT—Modern rooms, warm and comfortable. 622 Third Street. 12-17-01

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms 30 Fourth street. Phone 404K. Geo. W. Little. 11 14 ft.

FOR RENT—Modern, well heated newly furnished rooms. 411 5th St.

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Come with us to Sunny Texas. Our special trains leave St. Paul January first and fifteenth. Fare from St. Paul and return with berth and dining service thrown in \$55.00. One-half fare for your wife.

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FOR SALE OR RENT—HOUSES AND FLATS

FOR RENT—Furnished two room apartment for light housekeeping. F. W. Murphy, 204 Main street. Phone 427. 12 19 1 wk

FOR SALE OR RENT—6 room modern house. Close in. Take possession at once. Phone 687. 12 18 3t

FOR RENT—Small 3 room house, or for sale; electric light and water; 600 12th st. Call Lock, Bismarck hospital. 12 18 ft.

FOR RENT—4 room house, close in; \$16.00. F. E. Young. 12 18 ft.

FOR RENT—Modern house, three blocks from postoffice. Phone 184. Geo. Little. 12-5-01

FOR SALE—Six room house; monthly payments about same as rent. J. K. Doran. 12-4-1m

FOR RENT—Partly modern six room house. J. K. Doran. 12-4-1m

FOR RENT—Six room, modern cottage fitted with Majestic range, window shades and curtain fixtures. E. W. Wasche. 12-11-01

FOR RENT—Flat; water, light and heat furnished. Especially low price if tenant will care for furnace. Phone 132R. J. K. Doran. 12-6-1m

HOUSE TO RENT—I have two houses for rent. C. L. Barton. 11-5-01

FOR RENT—Good, comfortable, seven room house, close in; rents for \$25. F. O. Hellstrom. 12-3-01

FOR RENT—7 room strictly modern house. 423 11th street. Phone 431K. 11 20 1 mo.

FOR RENT—A small 4 room cottage. Call Phone 17. 11 17 ft.

FOR RENT—Modern 7 room house. Inquire Western Union. 12 8 ft.

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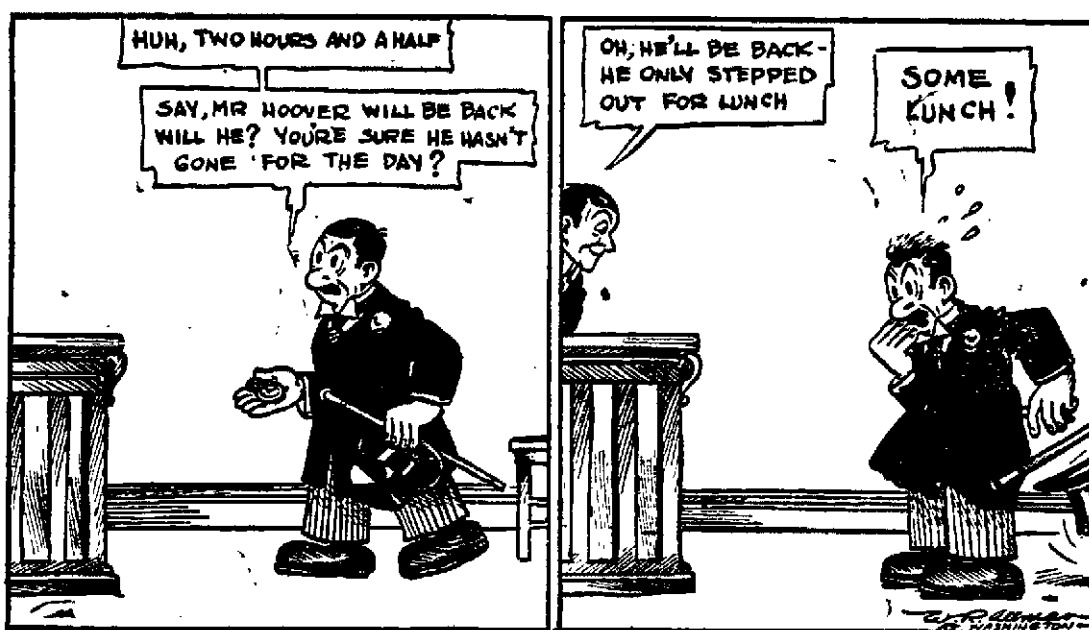
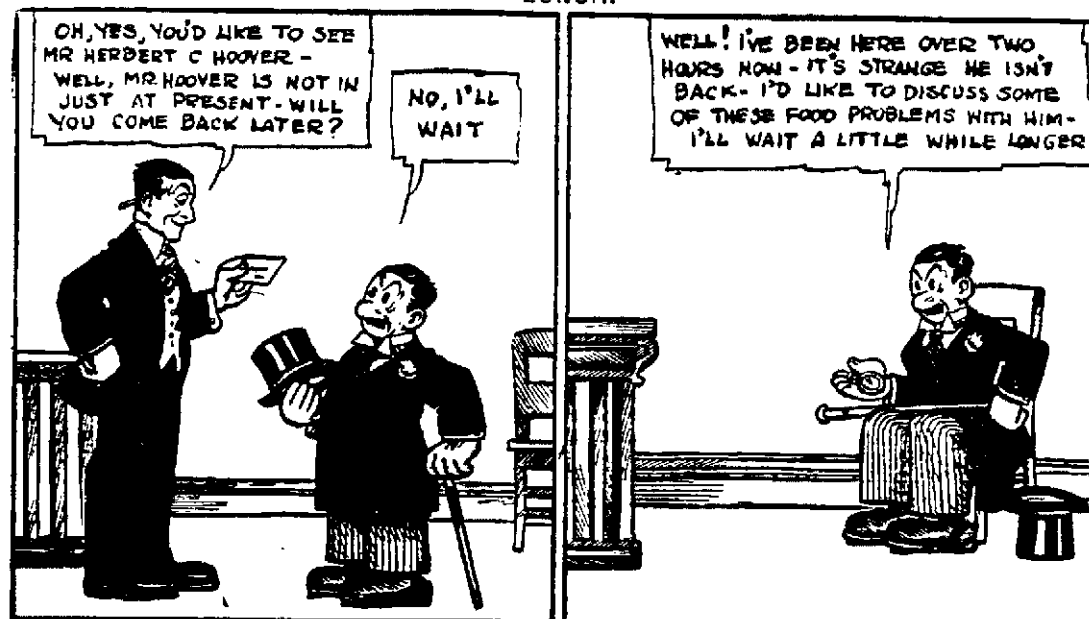
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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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BY ALLMAN



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FOR SALE—One-fourth section land, 3 or 4 miles from Bismarck, \$25.00 per acre. One-fourth cash, \$W4, section 30 T. 139, range 79. Alex A. Gibson. P. O. Box 501, Chico, Butte Co., California. 11 24 ft

FOR SALE—Duroc pigs of the T. N. Johnson stock. Inquire C. M. Snyder, Menoken, N. D. 11-28-1m

FOR SALE—Only theatre in North Dakota town of 1,000 population. Reason for selling—must go to warmer climate. R. F. Jarvis, Glen Ullin, N. Dak. 10 12 ft

NOTICE AND CITATION, HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE.

State of North Dakota, County of Burleigh—ss: In county court, before Hon. H. C. Bradley, judge.

In the matter of the estate of Celia Harvey, deceased.

Rose Reir, Executrix and Petitioner vs. M. J. Hiltner, St. Mary's Catholic church of Bismarck, North Dakota; John Murphy, James W. Murphy, Margaret Murphy Kingsley and Mary Murphy Lent, Respondents.

The State of North Dakota to the Above Named Respondents:

You, the said respondents, are hereby notified that the final account of the executrix of the last will of Celia Harvey, late of the township of Burn Creek in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, deceased, has

been rendered to this court, therein showing that the estate of said deceased is ready for final settlement and distribution, and petitioning that his account be allowed, the residue of said estate be distributed to the persons therein entitled, his administration closed and he be discharged; that Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the court rooms of this court in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, has been duly appointed by this court for the settlement thereof, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account and petition and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required then and there to be and appear before this court, and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate distributed, the administration of said estate closed and said executrix be discharged.

Dated the 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.

By the Court: (Seal) H. C. BRADLEY, Judge of the County Court.

Newton, Dullam & Young, Attorneys for Executrix. 12-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that default existing in that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Marcus Oanes, unmarried, mortgagor, to

Barnes Brothers, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minn., mortgagee, dated the 27th day of January, 1915, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Burleigh, and state of North Dakota, on the 27th day of February, 1915, at 11:15 o'clock a. m., and recorded in Book 106 of mortgages at page 289; and no action or proceeding having been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof; said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the Court House in the city of Bismarck, county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on

the 27th day of December, A. D. 1917 to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, viz:

West one-half of northeast quarter (W1/2NE1/4) and west one-half of southeast one-quarter (W1/2SE1/4) section 12, township 14N, range 7S.

There will be due on said mortgage at the date of sale the sum of \$104.87, principal and interest, and the further sum of \$194.49, by reason of certain interest coupon notes, and the sum of \$86.11 by reason of taxes, which were prior liens upon the said land and which were paid by the said mortgagee and which makes the total sum due on date of sale of Three Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and Thirty-one cents (\$355.31) together with the costs and disbursements in this action.

When Help Is Given. Evasions are the common shelter of the hard-hearted, the false and the impotent when called upon to assist; the real great alone plan instantaneous help, even when their looks or words presage difficulties.—Lavater.

WANTED, AT ONCE
Three live newsboys to sell morning and evening Tribunes. Boys going to school or otherwise employed need not apply. Circulation Dept.

Dated at Kenmare, N. D., this 21st day of November, A. D. 1917.

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ORDNANCE HEAD DISCREDITS THE ALARMS OF WAR

Ordnance Bureau Comes in For Criticism from Makers of Munitions. CONGRESS ALSO IS BLAMED Crozier Turns Down Machine Gun Orders After Bernstorff's Dismissal.

Washington, Dec. 20.—How production of rifles and machine guns for the army was delayed during the early days of the nation's entrance into the war, but is now being speeded up, was recounted today in the senate military committee's war inquiry by heads of large private munitions plants.

New Type Weapons. The manufacturers enthusiastically praised both new types of American weapons. They told of private enterprise in anticipating in the nation's war necessities, and one of them criticized the ordnance bureau for alleged indifference to the probability of war. He said the department's head brusquely declined to consider ordering machine guns immediately after the German ambassador had been dismissed.

Ahead of Contract. Orders for rifles placed several months after war was declared, the manufacturers were agreed, are far ahead of contracted deliveries, without yet reaching maximum factory capacity. Virtually all of the contracts for rifles, machine guns and cartridges, they testified, are on the "cost plus" a percent of profit basis, with machinery in their plants, owned by the government.

To Quiz Quartermaster. With the testimony of the largest private munitions makers, the committee virtually concluded its inquiry into the ordnance situation. Tomorrow the committee plans to question Quartermaster General Sharpe regarding shortage and production delays in clothing and other equipment, and construction and location of the national army's armaments.

Inquiry Into Dismissal. Chairman Chamberlain today promised a searching inquiry into the quartermaster-general's department, of which Major General Gorgas soon will take charge. The question of disease epidemics in the cantonments, in their relation to clothing shortage and poor sanitation which Surgeon-General Gorgas has disclosed in his reports, will be developed.

VON BERNSTORFF'S PLOT OF MEXICAN FORAYS

United States Treasurer Declares Minister at Bottom of Border War. PART OF GERMAN SCHEME Now Plenty of Woolen Clothing for Recruits—Gorgas on Sickness.

Lewistown, Maine, Dec. 20.—America's war aims and German intrigue were described by John Burke, treasurer of the United States in an address before the Maine state grange. As showing Germany's insidious campaign of intrigue, Mr. Burke declared that Ambassador Bernstorff—living under the protection of the American flag, his embassy guarded by American policemen, professing for this country every friendship a man could bestow—was even scheming and spying to involve the United States in war with Mexico and Japan. "We hear no more in these days," he said, "of Mexican atrocities. We no longer have Mexico held up to us as a land of internal evil. Simply because the reports of atrocities were part of a skillful German propaganda which of necessity has ended since the war began."

"Now we are in this war. In ten months the authorities at Washington, despite the abuse to which they have been subjected, by those who don't understand, have placed 1,000,000 men under arms—a greater army than Lord Kitchener was able to equip in two years. When the armies of Great Britain, with their tanks, start for the Hindenburg line; when the armies of America, trained and equipped, complete them; and when from 25,000 to 50,000 American airplanes rain bombs upon the German trenches—then war will come pretty near to being what General Sherman said it was."

HEALTH CONDITION. Observation Camps Soon to Be Installed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Woolen uniforms for all troops have been provided and are either at the camps and cantonments or enroute there, Secretary Baker said today, explaining steps the war department has taken to meet the unsatisfactory health conditions at the training posts pictured in reports of the surgeon-general made public yesterday.

The secretary announced that all except one of the recommendations of the medical department had been complied with immediately and pointed out with reports where action was taken were received for the most part two weeks or more ago.

General Gorgas' one proposal that remains to be acted upon, Mr. Baker

said, is that regarding the establishment of observation camps in which shall be gathered all new drafts of recruits for a period of two weeks before they pass into their company organizations at the training camps. The surgeon-general believes that during this two-week segregation period and with the recruits under close medical observation, it would be possible to prevent the contamination of epidemic diseases to the troops in training.

Mr. Baker said action was delayed pending decision as to the best course to pursue in establishing the observation camps. It may be necessary to establish one camp in connection with every divisional training center, or, on the other hand, to build several great observation camps at suitable points throughout the country, where recruits would be held during the two-week period, to be distributed later to the training camps.

DEATH EDICT FOR REIGN OF TERROR PURPOSE OF REDS

Bolsheviki Provides Dire Punishment for "Enemies of the Nation." COMMITTEE OVER THE NAVY Cossack Chief Proposes Peace on Condition of Don Independence.

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 17.—The commissioner of justice is preparing a decree reinstating the death penalty for enemies of the nation.

Foreign Minister Trotzky has issued a decree stating that all consuls abroad are to be elected by the Russian colonies in the cities in which they reside, but that the ambassadors shall be named by the government at the Smolny Institute.

The decree says that M. Nabokoff, ambassador in London, and M. Krupensky, ambassador at Tokio, must appear before the criminal court to answer to the charge of spreading false information regarding the armistice, or that otherwise their lands will be confiscated.

M. Trotzky in a speech delivered today laid the responsibility for the suicide of General Skallon, former governor of Warsaw, and for the death of General Lukin, on the shoulders of the allies and advisers of the imperial governments, who forced these men to take the mad step of trying to prevent negotiations with the Germans regarding the armistice.

PETROGRAD BESEIGED. Drunken Mobs Engaged in Looting Disturb the City.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The executive council of workmen and soldiers deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine cellars and shops.

HEAVY FIGHTING. Italian Front Attacked at Five Separate Points.

Headquarters of the Italian army in northern Italy, Dec. 20.—Extremely heavy fighting has again developed both in the northern mountain region and along the lower Piave. The enemy has made five separate attempts to cross the Sile, or old Piave. His main effort was about three miles above the mouth of the river where pontoons and a bridge were used. The first party succeeded in getting across, but after a series of furious attacks was driven back to the water's edge, where it is still held.

Four other simultaneous attempts in the same region were repulsed in the main, but fighting continues. Lignite coal wanted that will aggregate about 2,000 tons a year. Bids to furnish same for one year stating price and analysis of fuel value will be received up to Dec. 27. Bismarck Hospital. 12 15 St.

WREATHS, holly, mistletoe and seasonal plants and flowers at Will's Greenhouses in rear of store. 12-20-4

Easy to Make This Pine Cough Remedy
Thousands of families swear by its prompt results. Inexpensive, and saves about \$2.

You know that pine is used in nearly all prescriptions and remedies for coughs. The reason is that pine contains several peculiar elements that have a remarkable effect in soothing and healing the membranes of the throat and chest. Pine is famous for this purpose.

Pine cough syrups are combinations of pine and syrup. The "syrup" part is usually plain granulated sugar syrup. Nothing better, but why buy it? You can easily make it yourself in five minutes. To make the best pine cough remedy that money can buy, put 2½ ounces of pine oil in a bottle, add 1 pint of water, and fill up with home-made syrup. This gives you a full pint—more than you can buy ready-made for \$2.50. It is just as good and very pleasant—children take it eagerly.

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CHURCH OF HOLY SEPULCHRE LOOTED BY TURKS WHO SEND KAISER DIAMOND OSTENSORY

Washington, Dec. 20.—An official dispatch received here from France says that the Turks have looted the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The church, which was built by the emperor Constantine the Great, is a magnificent structure of the 4th century. It was looted by the Turks in 1917, and the Kaiser's diamond ostensory was sent to Berlin.

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The church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in the year 336 on the traditional spot where Christ arose from the dead. In the year 614

DANIELS TELLS OF WAR PREPAREDNESS OF NAVAL SECTIONS

Secretary of Department Refers the House Investigating Committee. REFUSES TO SPILL NAVY "MESS GOSSIP"

Washington, Dec. 20.—A recital by Secretary Daniels of how the navy prepared for war by adding several hundred ships to the fleet and letting contracts for hundreds of others, including dreadnaughts, battleships, destroyers and auxiliaries, and an explanation of the operation of the navy supply department by Rear Admiral McGowan, paymaster general, marked the opening of the inquiry by a house sub-committee into the navy's

war activities. The sub-committee adjourned tonight without fixing any time for resuming the hearing and probably will not meet again until after Christmas.

Representative Britton of Illinois asked Secretary Daniels whether the department had received any complaints from Vice Admiral Sims, commanding American naval forces in the war zone. The secretary said the question was improper and that "mess gossip" should not be banished about, but he added that Admiral Sims had been given everything possible that the navy could give.

"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the committee. "That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 350, and does not include the small craft." The chasers will be in service by early spring.

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battle cruisers, battleships, scout cruisers, destroyers, fuel ships, gunboats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, seagoing tugs, mine sweepers and submarines.

Money For Expansion. The navy at the beginning of its participation in the war, the witness continued, had at its disposal the

money needed for most of the expansion immediately required and, in pressing cases where funds were lacking over obligations, were incurred. Within the last few days the navy has had to ask for \$50,000,000 in addition to the regular estimates, amounting to \$1,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year, now before the house naval committee.

Secretary Daniels said the navy now had more than one thousand ships in commission as against 200 two years ago and an enlisted personnel of 250,000 officers and men compared with 61,000 men and 43,750 officers when American declared war.

"Has the navy measured up?" he asked. "It is my firm belief at the close of the investigation, your answer will be 'it has and the country has every reason to repose in the navy.'"

Aircraft Question. The paymaster-general was asked why the \$5,000,000 appropriated at a previous session of congress for acquiring the basic patents for aircraft remains unexpended, but the answer was left to be made by Captain Irwin of the aircraft board, who will be called later.

Admiral McGowan explained the method of expediting naval transportation by a "voucher" system to inform trainmen that a carload was for the United States navy, discontinued three weeks ago by the railroad car service committee.

"Will you get as expeditious shipments now?" he was asked. "We do not believe so. The railroad claims we will. They claim others abused the plan."

Geraldine Farrar in "The Woman God Forgot," at the Bismarck Theatre tonight.

BOYS WANTED. Not going to school or otherwise employed to sell papers. For any ambitious boy this is an excellent proposition. Apply, Circulation Dept. Tribune

The Woodmen of the World will give a big opening dance at the K. C. Hall Thursday evening, December the 20th. The affair promises to be the most popular and long waited for event of the social season. Nothing has been left undone by the Entertainment Committee in preparing for the event. Refreshments will be served free to everybody, and in order to defray the expenses a small charge of 75c per couple will be made.

A large attendance is expected. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock and a select six-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

A GOOD TIME IS PROMISED TO ALL. DON'T MISS IT.

Signed: M. C. Price, Frank Hayes, H. A. McIntyre, Of the Entertainment Committee.

STRIKE OFF PENDING MEDIATION REPORT

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The federal mediation commission, which for three days has been investigating the labor situation in the twin cities growing out of the state safety commission's order forbidding the wearing of union buttons by street carmen, departed for Washington Wednesday without making known its findings.

Before leaving, however, Secretary of Labor Wilson, head of the commission, obtained assurance from union leaders that the proposed sympathetic strike order which would cause a virtual tie-up of twin city industries would be withheld pending consideration by President Wilson and other Washington officials of the report to be submitted by the mediation board.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—Just before leaving, members of the com-

mission said they had been instructed to stay in Chicago long enough to inquire into a dispute between meat packers and their employees.

CURED HIS RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctor said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation. If you write to me Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 308 N. Marcellus Avenue, Manassas, Va. I will cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

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